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The two parties take their seats,
it's time for introduction.
Decision is made, and they call for meat.

For this auspicious occasion,
The perfect pink girl,
Smiles shyly on mothers persuasion.

Her eyes blinked, she smoothed her curl,
As the families guide them to another table,
Her fluttering fingers expecting, a new future to unfurl.

It seemed like a fable,
with prospective husband,
sitting across the table.

He saw her nervous hand,
with effort to hide his fear,
He admired her wrist band.

The idea was grand and clear,
chit-chat between Coke and *pooris*,
could take them to another sphere.

The relatives had no worries,
The customary couple talk, was no new
to their marriage-fixing series.

His uncle found hard to chew,
The charred side of *tandoori* meat,
but girl and boy now knew,

And silently took their previous seats.
Smiles were passed and hands shaken,
while some continued to eat.

None of them were mistaken,
The pact for life-long love was made,
The decision had been taken.

While the clank of metal did parade,
and aroma of cuisines lingered,
The wedding was made and strangers displayed.

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