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History Class

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In History Class, Mrs Raj, wound up in a green sari, Talked around the clock about *kapal-kapal Iropah* that would dock, occasionally, as I nod Off, Mrs Raj would stop.

"Pull up your socks!" she'd say, like a siren Distressing our ears, and all the poor dears In History Class.

I. PULL. MY. BLOODY. WHITE. SOCKS. UP. And gulp.

"You must mix history up and drink it down" Mrs Raj said in a voice, cold as glass and Seven-Up.

"No, no, no!
ABSOLUTELY NO.
Sleepy heads in class. You go!
GO! And stand outside.

I Decide. This is a circus,
Madness! This is NOT, this IS...
THIS IS HISTORY
CLASS".

We, the locals, find this funny and laugh.
History for us, like the cannons, is a blast.

Someone who'd been to the ISKL - for a period
As short as a bell - barfed in the back of the class.

The ISKL is the International School of Kuala Lumpur
It is the Upper Class, you and I, are DELETE.
NOT THE ELITE, so love song,
You and I can read

History and Law
But there is not one place INTERNATIONAL, you
And I can go, Love song!
No matter what seeds we sow
The Malay language and elite
Sit on our head
As we row the same boat

"Duduk! Duduk! Duduk! Sit down you clown!"

"But Teacher, Mrs Raj, you told me to GO!"

"Yes, but you don't go till I tell you to GO!"

"You girls are getting as bold as brass. Don't think I Don't know," she said, lifting her eyebrows, "What You are doing outside
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