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¹Rajasthan's average rainfall amounts to only half of what the rest of the country receives. However, these figures do not provide an actual picture of the state's rainfall as it can go up to 100cm in some places and less than 25cm in others.

²This initiative of TBS has been called a spectacular success story by the Center for Science and Environment in New Delhi and the UN-Inter Agency Working Group on Water and Environmental Sanitation (which consists of six other members: UNICEF, UNDP, WHO, FAO, UNESCO and World Bank).

³Agarwal and Narain found that not only did water harvesting have a direct impact on the economy of the region, increases in income were strongly correlated with the investments that had been made in *johads*. For example, an investment of Rs. 1000 (CDN \$33.00) on *johads* raises economic production by over Rs. 4,200 per annum.

⁴It is customary in these areas that income from agriculture goes to men while income from animal husbandry goes to women. Thus, women are equally interested in better grazing grounds for their livestock.

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To my daughter, after a friend's wedding in Montreal

How strongly we weave our memories into the future.

Do you seek me
as I sought my father?
What do you see with memories?

I have his scent on my handkerchief,
his pride in his son, love pouring
like leaves out his dry eyes,

I sit wearing his housecoat,
using your pen,
inventing this backfill
for our future.

Your old lover is now married.
How good a sacrament it was,
dancing with you.

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