

Curiosity sparked within Rishi, prompting him to reach for Faiz's collection. He carefully selected one of the books and flipped through its pages, his eyes landing on the poem "Raatein Yun Dil Mein Teri." The verses resonated with him, evoking a sense of longing and the bittersweet beauty of love.

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Raat yun dil mein teri, khoyi hui yaad aayi
Jaise viraane mein chupke se bahaar aa jaye
Jaise sahraon mein haule se chale baad-ae-naseem
Jaise bimaar ko be-wajaah quraar aa jaaye

--- Faiz Ahmed Faiz

As he immersed himself in the poem, NCE Winston, who had been observing Rishi's interaction with the bookshelf, approached him with a curious expression.

"Sir, I couldn't help but notice your collection of poetry. Is Faiz Ahmed Faiz one of your favorite poets then?", he asked.

Rishi looked up, a smile tugging at the corners of his lips. "Indeed, Winston. Faiz Ahmed Faiz is a remarkable poet whose words have touched countless hearts. His poetry captures the depths of human emotions and explores themes of love, longing, and the human condition."