

Ravi Shankar

what's he doing here?
far from his Srinagar home
rare chance, cheap tickets

did a friend tell me?
or fellow English teacher?
or a hippie pal?

plucking his sitar
rhythmic tabla by his side
stirred savory sounds

masala curry
flavored good Norwegian Wood
infused Woodstock stew

this long-slumbering
memory's been awakened
by my friend Aroon



I attended a concert by Ravi Shankar in Bogotá, Colombia, in 1972 while teaching English at a school for bilingual secretaries. Circumstances of how I learned of it are long forgotten, but I had known of Shankar. I saw him again at Woodstock, August 1969. Photo credit: CNN

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