

*The Postcolonial Condition*¹

Postcoloniality awaits consignment to oblivion.

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I posted a postcolonial poster
from the Postogola post office
in *puran* Dhaka, addressed to the right
reverend postmaster general in Portsmouth;
and eagerly waited for a kind reply.
To my absolute disappointment,
the (im)poster came back, a few weeks later,
with the stamps all missing; old habit dies hard!
At the upper right corner where the stamps
have been was written in a crooked hand—
not arrived yet—return it to sender.
The postcolonial poster now hangs
in my cool study, gathering grime,
the fringes yellowing with the passage of time.

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¹ For Syd Harrex, who has done so much for the postcolonial cause.

² Rukmini Bhaya Nair, *Lying on the Postcolonial Couch: The Idea of Indifference* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2002) xi.

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