From my veins to yours

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In an effort to elude the Rishikesh monsoon,
warily I entered the Blood Bank one afternoon;
picked up a form and filled in my details;
handed it in - waited nervously, biting my nails.

After a thorough physical examination, to the chair I was led;
my legs were elevated, seemingly higher than my head.
They tightened the cuff and drew blood from my vein,
while I pumped a stress ball, hardly feeling any pain.

Now, what I didn’t know and what I failed to realize,
was that the blood I gave could save three lives;
what I donated just to evade the incessant rains,
would soon be running in three other people’s veins.

Regardless of our skin color - dusky or fair;
regardless of our blood type - common or rare;
blood connects us all - go ahead and donate,
so that nobody who needs blood has to endlessly wait.

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