

PAINFUL RICHES AND OTHER POEMS

By Tapeswar Prasad

She has been doing it
for quiet some time
in the garb of a faint smile
All these years, and before
She could strain herself
to sieve in her pain
Guarding her happier moments
Lest, it must not erupt
Wailing those unforgettable torment
She would always lure herself
into a sobering smile, that
on a casket of painful riches
that she could trust,
She could do onto her
What a lost memory could do
to herself -
As she has been doing this
Since her memory was gone



IT WAS NEVER LIFELESS

It was all hung
over a long string
clipped by clippers, in case
it won't fly over the hanger

in the fast blowing wing
at the balcony of my house
after full wash
early in the morning

Wishing to see
if the cloths are dried up
after a time gap;
I pull a corner of the sleeve
a little up
to feel its dryness -
Just like a doctor
taking a pulse out of the patient's arm

All sense of humour
took a smiling corner
twitching my little mouth
How these dirty clothes are rinsed every day
out of its impurities and washed clean -
How a brief touch of sleeve
Changed my life as never before, and -
it was never lifeless



THIRST

I have lost my heart
into the world so large
Where the chirp streak

The golden dawn, and
Sun cap the mountain
like a melting crown

I have lost my heart
into the voice unknown
Where every telling
Sprout up a story, and
Every silence
Take a meaningful void within

I have lost my heart
into the outside familiarity
Where invisible, fence
upon my understanding
Like a mirage
Taking a sip at my thirst

Bio

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