

***ISM'S MESMERISM***

***By Elanaaga***

It makes you hang from  
the hook of a fixed notion;  
couches in a rigid configuration.  
Replaces the original 'you'  
with an overwhelmed you.  
Mindset gets marred,  
self-deception sets in;  
overt becomes covert.  
Reasoning always glides  
in the same groove  
dug by you unwittingly!

If imprisoned in ism's mesmerism,  
one might fall prey to anarchism.

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***FACING THE FACEBOOK***

It gobbles a lot of your time;  
enchants, entices, tantalizes  
with endless attraction  
and pushes you  
into a trap of addiction.  
A quagmire it is, with no lenity;  
sucks you in with much impunity.  
Scroll the posts up, they'll never end,  
for you have many a friend.  
It takes away your forty winks,  
deprives you of peace, then blinks!

Friends remain friends  
only if you 'cooperate.'  
You should, therefore, always  
adulate and celebrate!  
Comments may cement the bonds,  
but the itch for such things  
sometimes boomerangs!  
'Likes,' unlike comments, are safe.  
Likeable they are, but the truth is,  
they are all alike  
whether you like or don't like!

Entering it is easy but exiting, not so;  
endure you must, and pretend gusto!  
(Just for fun)

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### **Bio**

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Besides rendering Somerset Maugham's *The Alien Corn* into Telugu, he translated Latin American Stories, African Stories, Somerset Maugham's other stories and World Stories into Telugu and published as books. Of his 14 translation works, 8 are from English to Telugu and 6 from Telugu to English. He is an ardent enthusiast of classical music and penned scores of poems on classical music, musicians. His book titled Memorable Melody Makers and Other Poems on Music contains many of them.

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