

DUET POEMS

Alone

By Sunil Sharma

In the Mumbai rains,  
A tiny bird sits  
Dripping  
On a cable-wire;  
A tramp,  
A grey beard,  
Tattered  
Sits on the  
Steps of a  
Closed shop.

By Gopal Lahiri

Let silence  
Do the talking  
Because in his heart  
He is sure,  
His sweet dreams  
Now floating like  
Water bubbles,  
In a quagmire,  
Can never  
Be fulfilled.

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