

***BARRIER***

**By C L Khatri**

I am showing you the moon;

you are reading my pointed finger.

Where lies the barrier?

In the moon, in the finger, in the eyes or

in the mind like a guided missile.

Code is decoded by the dark space of a decoder.

Jesus wrote you letters of wisdom.

You cling to the pages,

hold them tight to your breast.

Pages crumpled, letters lost

followers fighting over dead words

spirit got dispirited under the spirit-wine.

You are cheering a drink

In the wine-glass as if it is Eucharist.

**Bio**

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