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Ape’s Appeal

Surekha Krishna

O the swan rider!
Aren’t you the path maker,
architect of the universe, criterion of our laurels?
Bestowed us a shape, the techno-apes.
The Naught, the Fractions, the Minuses,
The virtues, the cultures, the ethics – all your alms.
Man is naught in your absence.
Aren’t you the strength of us?
O my back bone!
Showing your back now, hiding your elegant head?
Is this the frown at the bone-meal of your wit?
Else,
The purgation of these bone-heads.
O Divine intelligence!
Reason these modern orangutans.
Reform this dust of your feet.
Confide and survive in us.
We glorify your magnificence.