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Incarnation

Atul Chandra Sarkar

You peep through frosty panes
Of my stanzas,
I may not have been able
To hold your slippery hand,
But your finger-prints
Are still fresh on me;
Your lingering aroma
Enlivens your unseen presence,
For me, it's yesterday regained;
I recall our vows to cross,
All seven seas together,
Ripping tides and storms;
It's then that I see our dream
Capsize mid-sea, in splashes,
Thrashes of cold realities;
Oars of fantasy
Slip out of grip;
Our wrecked dream floats
With the current:
A petty, helpless driftwood,
Rushing to unknown destination;
My hysteric hand gesticulates,
Through heartless waves,
My flooded throat
Gasp for articulation;
It's decibels are weakened,
In the rise and fall,
Of huge and small waves,
Widening the distance between us;
You blur out,
Into a gaudy horizon;
The colors of which,
I have borrowed to fill up,
The tumblers of words,
To compose my memories;
You have incarcerated me,
In an agonizing confinement;
For my deliverance,
I have incarnated you
In my poems!