

Vol. 8, Issue-II (April 2017)

ISSN: 0976-8165

THE CRITERION

An International Journal in English

Bi-monthly, Peer-Reviewed, Open Access eJournal



UGC Approved Journal [Arts and Humanities, Sr. No. 40]

Editor-In-Chief - Dr. Vishwanath Bite

www.the-criterion.com

About Us: <http://www.the-criterion.com/about/>

Archive: <http://www.the-criterion.com/archive/>

Contact Us: <http://www.the-criterion.com/contact/>

Editorial Board: <http://www.the-criterion.com/editorial-board/>

Submission: <http://www.the-criterion.com/submission/>

FAQ: <http://www.the-criterion.com/fa/>



ISSN 2278-9529

Galaxy: International Multidisciplinary Research Journal

www.galaxyimrj.com



The Last Hermitage at my Neem

Naresh Mandagondi

1. The life meant for all failures had some success too
The day of my choice and time very much destined
Every other assignment has met its true end there
Nothing comes along and nothing left here for me.

2. They took me on their shoulders with complaint
The known path and the same route throughout
My ancestors have moved on that twisted path
I am still a burden to some men who despise now.

3. A neem that shook its green branches at my sight
Surely has its motherly love and lasting impressions
The wind by its medicated leaves gave some solace
My physical wounds slowly are healing one by one.

4. It bent its arms perhaps to touch my forehead
The tiny flowers fell over all my head and shoulders
A king had his trained damsels for fanning love
To my pleasure my bruises began vanishing now.

5. On the last hermitage they put me down for a while
Much tired and worried of bearing me for the last time
In their sighs my guilt turned grief and gratitude most
All with my respects and all the more for my dear neem.