

ISSN: 0976-8165

Vol.8, Issue-V (October 2017)

THE CRITERION

AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL IN ENGLISH

Bi-Monthly Refereed and Indexed Open Access eJournal

8th Year of Open Access

The Criterion 

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

In anticipation of amber

Gayatri Lakhiani Chawla

Outside,

The heat wave engulfs

the garden in the backyard

ignored and parched

blades of grass, dull-jaundiced

dried magenta petunias

with petals peeled

loosely held by a spidery web

embrace a summer breeze.

Inside,

the pen-stand holds sharpened colour pencils

as if to demarcate my reality.

How strange this bug looks

from a distance

tiny harmless iota of life

a painter's muse

I kneel down

to pick up the calm ladybird

sweeping it from the back of a newspaper

now as I look carefully

the black polka dots look bigger

like my magnified noir.

Biographical Details:

A published poet, freelancer and French teacher from Mumbai. Her poems have been published in International anthologies and periodicals like 'The American Poetry Anthology', 'The Indian P.E.N.', 'The Brown Critique', 'The Journal of the Poetry Society (India)', 'The Brown Boat', 'Setu', 'Pea River Journal', 'The Hans India' and 'Open Road Review'. Her poems have appeared in national anthologies like 'Chants of Peace' and 'Mytho – manthan'. Her poem 'Anagram' won the 2013 Commendation Prize at 'The All India Poetry Competition'(New Delhi, India). Her short story 'Sindh 1947' was longlisted for the DNA Out Of Print Short Fiction Contest 2016. Her poems have been featured in the Woman Inc. She was a featured writer for Wordweavers Poetry Contest 2015/16. She is the author of book of poems 'Invisible Eye'.