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Evening

Harshit Nigam

An evening peeking out of window,
I caught sight of a marriage procession.
Flamboyant ladies talking about their attire and eyeing on others',
Drunken men wobbling their bodies against the Bollywood dance numbers,
And the bridegroom on a white horse presuming to be Don Quixote.
Moments afterwards, a gloomy chant struck on my ears.
Friends and philistines with dirge either in hearts or on eyes,
Accompanied a corpse shrouded in white; an entity, perhaps, a jiffy ago.
Tears and chuckle, love and contempt, mask and illusion,
Life is framed of.
The evening taught me well.

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