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The Escapist

Sayanti Dey

A blissful dawning it was, I recall;
Seasonal birds assembled to intone their carols.

Sweet-scented lavender whispering the summer song;
The lad in the backyard blew the foam bubble from the glass straw on.

While watering the Hyacinth mum gifted last spring;
Glimpsed, the delicate petals are unhurriedly withering.

Will my secrets wane too;
Like that of the Hyacinth's red-blood hue?

Secrets that behold me, waiting to smother with me in the pyre;
The darkness that's burning my heart emitting my breath like soot air.

Longed to be an escapist me,
Longing to escape the trance of misery.

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