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## Watching my daughter sleep

Dr. Abin Chakraborty

I imagine the colours of her dreams:  
Rising from rainbows of enchanting wings  
They flow beyond orbits of Saturn or Mars  
And dive into caves beneath bluest of waves  
To mingle with mermaids and nymphs.

Quietly she smiles and turning into  
Yet another improbable shape  
Cuddles a soft pillow to her chest.

Counting her breaths, so carefree and calm  
I wonder when I last felt those.

Memory plays false and duties pile on.  
So dragging my feet I pray and vow  
To foster such rhythms, for her, without end.

### **Grief**

Grief doesn't just need a vent.  
At times it'll step onto a stage.  
Unless you spout some mad monologue  
With costume and makeup  
And overture and spot  
Some people won't or see or care.

But even those antics might fail

When you look up from your pose and find  
All of those seats are blank.

Then pack up your act and leave.  
The world is busy with travails of it's own  
And the loss of one bore isn't news.