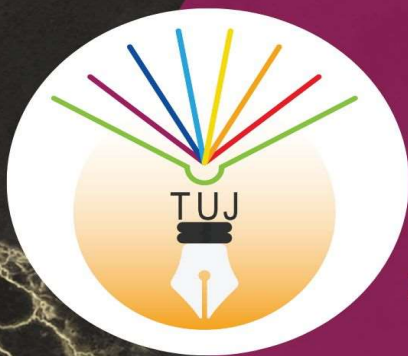


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**I wait for you**

Saranya Narayanan

I have eaten a million suns  
passing through the shattered  
clouds of my soul; the cries of my  
eternal days camouflaging the arcs  
Of the dawn.

My heart has never let the mornings  
blush in revelry.

I turn the pages of the rotten calendar,  
whose ends the ants have forever  
crushed into anonymity.

In the innumerable days that have  
surpassed my senses;

I only perceive the blunt pain which  
weighed me down in your thoughts.

Bushes have grown, babies into fertile mothers,  
ages like blinks of my eyes have bygone; my heart is still still.

In the countless drops of rain that prospered

your land, I see pebbles

sculpted with our rusted memories.

The shore which fed us love,

Now breeds the dead shells of time.

You and I lie lands apart,

where the rays of the sun, touching you,

ignorantly vanishes from my eyes.

Yet, I wait for you, rubbing my heart off the indomitable scars

the passing of time has sown in me.