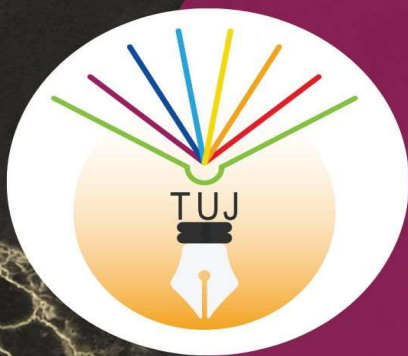


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The Night of the Crows

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White Lily on a loosely braided hair, fallen branches ornamenting the neck,
eyes clouded by sorrow, the crows gathered around.

Head bowed down, the black feathers moist,
their touch erased the pain of infinite wounds.

The shadow of broken pearls lurking behind, sweet breaths of hope,
pierced ears, listening the song of lost battles.

Shrieks grown out of the red blood, spirits of all ages,
smoke devouring the sky, serpents on a barren land.

A thunderous muteness striked the hollow being,
cremates sleeping under, it's the night of the crows.

Hair sailing through a soft breeze, chipped knee,
glittering darkness, the crows flew back.

Head bowed, infinite wounds!