

Perfect Image

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In Delhi's liver there is no calm.

Hum of AC, rattling of fan.

Eyes shut up like inside a clam—

Then a chance-glance out the window

the pupil's dazzled by a disc in sky.

Sun—0 how it peels the brain

and the last layers of the feeling—I.

I am what I have been transfixed by.

And out of the alchemy I spread

like dawn's blush comes to be the sky.

I am what I will be, from what the world has been.

I gaze at the world become me, and me the world.

It's the perfect image—there's neither see-er nor seen.

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