

**Viewing through the Prism of Creative Writing**  
(PROSE – POEM)

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“Writing Fiction is a Prayer, a Song” – Arundhati Roy [1]

The great lady crafted a majestic novel in 1997, “The God of Small Things”  
Won worldwide applause, accolades and honour with some Awards;  
Then she went into a hibernation for long two decades  
However, the mighty pen she wielded didn’t stop .....

Nor her social-intellectual activities through the entourage with speeches, essays  
She pursued her noble goals;  
All that and her charisma kept the audiences captive and spell-bound  
She was viewed by them as a paragon of great virtues.  
True, fiction-writing has no algorithms  
But she was in possession of her powerful imaginations, instinctive rhythms  
And writing is her most favourite passion, fond love and life’s mission  
While writing she seems to be in a trance,  
In her own coinage or parlance  
She dives deep into a land of happiness, a ‘terra incognita’, to the most of us  
Thus she has now turned into  
“A Goddess of some very Big Things --- a vast, virtual world of immense joy, and utmost happiness .....,

While facts have it that India, her own country, drowned in the misery of terrorist attacks, farmers' deaths, etc. is gradually going down the happiness index:

India occupied 118<sup>th</sup> position in 2016 but in March 2017 but the same standard method marked the country to the (place in) 122<sup>nd</sup> position;

Meaning the country is sliding downwards in happiness index. [2-4]

But she is still absorbed in search of her mental happiness through writing, and writing alone !

My pen now radiates only

A venom, a venom of unfathomable toxicity;

The sizzling heat of unending displeasure

Though through retirement with maximum leisure

“ The thing is that the Jaipur Literature Festival is funded by a kind of notorious mining company that is silencing the voices of Adivasis, kicking them out of their homes, and now it is also funded by Zee Tv, which is half the time baying for my blood. So, on principle, I won't go.

How can you be silencing and snuffing out the voices of the poorest people, and then become this glittering platform for free speech and flying writers all around the place? I have a problem with that.” [1] – Arundhati Roy

I'm in no happy mood and I'm now

Silently crying for some terminal illness leading to the funeral pyre.

But in the spectrum of my persona and psyche

The reverse side of faint optimism is also there

Throughout the prime of my life I was her fan, a blind admirer

And to me she's all the time one of my most acclaimed public intellectuals.

Her bright glittering eyes, shining greyish hair with typical pepper-and-salt stint

Charm of the slender riverine flow of physique

Render her to be my much-adored Venus.

At this age of seventy-plus,

I'm no monk or sage, I'm still in the body's cage

I wish to be her Adonis in the bliss of solitude with fullest content of 'desire'

Volcanic eruptions could still occur in her continent of ‘utmost happiness’  
And I would love to be the Secretary in her imagined “Ministry of utmost happiness”  
I dream I walk with her at the same pace and the same wavelength, ----- at least  
emotionally  
If prose-writing of fiction could be “a prayer, a song”  
Why not writing a poetry, closer to painting song and dance, could,  
Lead to perfect peace and happiness, maam !!  
And in no way poetry is any sham !

### **Citations**

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