

‘Creativity and Joy’

Subrata Bhattacharyya

Retired Senior Professor of Indian Statistical Institute

Kolkata-700108.

No, he was apparently no big guy;
Rather appeared to be just a run-of-the-mill fellow
In a public transport. He had a cloth-bag slung over his shoulder.
And the bag contained a message, hidden, and quite significant
Which read --- “Stay calm and love life”.
Though there was no secret and silent killer in the bus with a hand-held knife!

Back home in the evening on the same day the TV anchor
Shocked the world by her announcement: UK parliament is terror-struck

Could we still remain mum and merrily calm?
I remember an Ad on shaving-blade --- so terse, yet so expressive
“Ruthless on the beard, tender on the skin”!!
This is just the power of poetry we love so intensely!

The next morning came as usual
I started loving life more, more amorously,
Grew enamoured of the elegance of a dancing butterfly,
The dazzling photo of a danseuse in her own artistic rhythm,-----
‘Parwati’ ----

Not with any tinge of horror, violence, vengeance and weapon in hand
But with joy, love, vibrant mood with gestures and postures arousing eros

And at distance there were -- in the garden -- full-blown roses!!

Winter(2016), Adieu

Subrata Bhattacharyya

The winter is gone for long and the
Spring is at the doorstep,
A cuckoo is cooing quite intensely
From the branch of a spread-eagled tree very near ----
Pouring sweet nothings into the ear of
Its beloved and the dear one.
So what? A question comes sharp in the mind of the listener
Why? Why is this shear so painful
With no cheer in its melodious voice!
Strange ! Strange indeed !
The questions chase the poet arousing stream of love,
With tenderness, warmth of passion.
Nature creates busy-bees and beauty-queens.
At the sight of her bare lissom legs
And the wide valley of her burning thighs
I was aflame with dire desire;
And seductions run high with the
Gurgling, swirling sea-foams from my own self

While she grew utterly butterly with
Hot, molten wax in her fleshy secret V-zone;
Inviting patrons and regular clients
And igniting passions— warm and wild !