



POETRY: AJU MUKHOPADHYAY

Enigmatic

Looking for beauty from birth, my eyes have never been feasted
With attraction for you my being has never been satiated
You are there sure; your face fading in the deep foggy morning
Once you walked leisurely until vanished at the turn of the road
It's unbelievable that we couldn't meet, my eyes steadily following
With earnest hope of settling with you in a bower sweet and broad.
Feeling, smelling and breathing you even for a moment is euphoric
And you live in my nest yet I do not find you; it's enigmatic

Woman! Whether it was your frailty or mine
I could never realise; you're always a mine;
Source of emotive surge from the unknown nature
To a neophyte it's always fraught with danger.
Sometimes I shied away with beating heart
Even meeting of minds and vital urge could not feed the heart.

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