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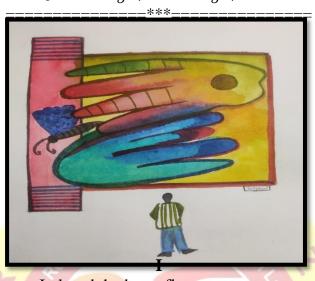


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THE VISUAL

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I placed the butterfly

On my palm,

Sensing the motion of its nerves;

Crawling, pausing

The eyeballs of it

Radiated light

The light got reflected into my eyes

And took the structure of a colourful lung;

It reminded me of

The day when a bird sat on my shoulder,

Shedding off its feather

It was saying some soft vowels

That was beyond my grasp.

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The noise of a loitering soul in the hallway

Hit me hard

Hit at my brain

Brought back

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My consciousness into reality, And made me realize I was standing In front of a painting

And stayed there

For the next few time.



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