



**The snake is long, long, long and long  
 The snake is black, green, yellow, red, stripes and spot  
 The snake is coloured , colourful and colourless  
 The snake is clever, resilience and courageous son of land**

*- David Aoloch Bion*

*Picture by Kumudu Gunasekara*

## To Wimalaratne Kumaragama

You've to draw parallels  
 between different lands  
 different people  
 and different colours  
 to see how rainbows and flowers  
 lose their shades  
 leaving you only  
 with the nudity of truth,  
 nude as poetry sans words.  
 I have two questions to ask:  
 How bright is sanhinda  
 when an unknown villager with a familiar face  
 lights a lamp  
 in the middle of the night?  
 How far is Aliyawetunuwewa  
 when you keep returning  
 swiftly  
 holding the same light  
 wearing many faces?  
 Your poetry has only three lines  
 and nothing else,  
 'Nudity is made of glass'  
 'Divinity is made of dust'  
 'Poetry is made of people.'

*- Rasika Jayakody*

## May's spring days

Morning breeze blows over the distant mountains  
 Humming through robust beech birch and oak trees  
 Evergreen pines whistle to the tune of nippy breeze  
 Group of songbirds sings delightful springtime songs  
 Twirling flossy clouds dance graceful waltzes  
 Mountain range beneath has got rich pastures  
 Cows graze grass in lavish green meadows  
 Chiming cowbells from mornings to evenings  
 Sunlight glistens after early morning showers  
 Pearls like dewdrops fastened to lilac flowers  
 Beautiful little lilacs flourish in heavy clusters  
 Spreading honey scented appealing fragrances  
 May's spring days are refreshing and sunny  
 Trees get new leaves flowers rapidly bloom  
 When the breeze blows through the garden  
 Young maple leaves rustle and pansies dangle...

*- Hemakumar Nanayakkara*

## Confusion

MD says something...  
 Director says something different...  
 Sales reps says something else...  
 So many confusions...  
 What should I actually say...  
 I remember all management theories

*- Madushi Imali*