

Echoes Of Silence

by **Dilip Mohapatra** (July 2014)

The soft silence
of the pollens falling on
butterfly wings

bounces back from
your reticent eyes
and hits mine placidly.

The satiny silence
of the thunderless
clouds cuddling each other

reflects on
your speechless skin
and caresses mine mutely.

The svelte silence
pulsating with the heartbeats
of the velvety nights
linger on

your sealed lips
and robs me of my sounds.

The seductive silence
of a genteel breeze
whispering sweet nothings

changes tack
and touches your quiet breath
and mine asymptotically.

The slender silence
of the raindrops
sliding down the slopes

resounds and jounces
in the tranquillity of your ears
and reverts to deafen mine.

All contagious silences

your silence
my silence
the silences of the world
and the Supreme silence

ricocheting on one another
reverberate
and resonate
in an endless solitude.

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