

The Invaders

by **Dilip Mohapatra** (August 2014)

They come creeping and crawling from all corners
you never know who is lurking where
and when will they strike.

They are nameless faceless
or come in the guise of someone else
and send you unsolicited friend requests on Facebook.

They hack into your e-mail account breaking your firewalls
and offer you a bumper prize for you just being there
but with conditions applied.

They steal your mobile number
and call you at odd hours and start a monologue
to push sell their wares and drive you nuts.

They offer you the best of the branded merchandise
at ridiculously low prices
and you fall for it and do the bidding for trash.

They lure you to their virtual vice den
you roll your dice and put your lusty bet hoping to win
and they take you their prisoner of war.

You box the shadows and throw punches in the air
they laugh their way to their tills
in their far off haven and impregnable lair.

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