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### The necklace sits on it

The face and its captivity  
The chest and its lure  
The clavicles and their accentuation  
The distant shoulders and their broadness  
Overshadowing neighbours, them.  
Never give their dues to the part which longs  
for the occasional vestigial touch

of either a facewash or a body wash  
ofttimes getting none of them washes, rather having  
bestowed an identity crisis

That crowned head seated in power inside the head  
can be a pinch more acknowledging of its subjects' woes –  
of that of the connecting rod which supports its throne,  
while handing out royal decrees like which subjects would  
bear the brunt  
of budget cuts in makeup.

The crown's order is as if to penalise this liaison officer  
repeatedly  
for sometimes making its world spin (despite it steering clear  
of spin class),  
while it clearly overlooks the contribution  
of its own gizmo addiction to the spinning.

The ruler's bias runs deeper than its convolutions.  
Even overruling the popular opinion of conferring the go-  
between  
with the 'Assist of the year' award  
Respiration, balance, protection, posture,  
chewing, swallowing and some more

Save your neck as they say  
It is known to cook a variety of mania in vampires.

## The medicament predicament

If there be multiple rounds in a contest  
and only one win written for me  
may it be the first one  
was a deal I was trying to seal with the almighty,  
knowing well my staunch willpower still couldn't help me  
overpower  
the demotivation caused to me by a loss.

I adore those who try hard  
Those, who seldom taste success despite hard work  
like when I was at my best when I used to join  
professionals in their running practice  
though I was out of breath in minutes that were few as fingers.  
When I chose to spend my hard-earned holidays  
joining a trek even when  
my short legs didn't allow for much ascent.

My moneyed friend was clearly fabricating impediments for  
herself to overcome.

She had arrived at a comprehension that without them,  
the jubilation of living her privileged life was lost.

Thus, she decided to stay in a hostel with me  
and earn some pocket money to pay for it  
by joining my line of work

and renouncing her holidays in the exotic waters.

I revel in sulking from a vantage point  
when the others have disappointed me  
for the reason that it doesn't happen often now  
like it did when I was a kid  
and I was always one up –  
with anything I wanted delivered effortlessly to me  
but even so with much effort from others.

My diminishing concentration is burning my educational  
degrees  
slowly, as does hard, partially wet timber  
What would be a drug for my volatile mind?  
An OCD perhaps?  
Of being fixated on one trail of thought.  
The confounding conundrum remains to be,  
Choosing that sole trail for me.

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