

Incubus by Dr Anupama Chowdhury

Stars ablaze with their own luminescence
Van Gogh's Starry Night
To dream another dream
In an asylum.
Millions of joys
Giving an essence of fulfilment
Job, security, home, children
In a chocolate-wrapped warmth.
Absinthe fails to erase your memories
You keep on waiting for the yellow petals
Sunflowers, Marigolds, Daffodils
Yellows: vibrant cheerful
But in your dreams slimy silences
Yellow lily, back rose, anemone
Poppy and violet hyacinth
You wriggle in trauma
Precipitating the pussies
Of a world gone terribly wrong.



Henry Fuseli (1741-1825) *The Nightmare* (1781) Detroit Institute of Arts.



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