

Hypatia's Uncle

*Write my name higher, she says,
on the beach
where the tide won't wash it away.*

*"Okay, " I agree, knowing
it will never be
high enough for this girl.*

*She wants a sea with storms,
without the moon of loss,
without cloud-tears.*

*There is such a place,
I'll explain in years,
that survives even the death of
galaxies,*

*and when you fall for it, child,
you won't take
another lover.*

Scott Starbuck

Us

*We are
so very close
yet
all our lives
we have been each other
as if
I
am
at
the station
and
you
in a passing train.*

Panna Naik

Peace

*Who says
Success
is sweet
there is
no taste
the bland feeling
remains in the pursue?
a shadow
so smooth
bloody lips parted
restless
strike
melt
bind
humble giant
look ahead
remain motionless
the hour
will restore
peace.*

A Glance

*Life
entices
like a dripping glance that stands
still
for a millionth
of a second
in the cock pit
of the universe.*

Shama Shukla