

Tomorrow

Shadows consume the path ahead
Voices whisper darkly in my head
Soothing yet seething, there is turmoil within
A wild fire rages beneath my skin

Growing and growing, the burning goes on
And almost all sanity, all peace is gone
How might one contain such anger, such pain
To let through happiness again?

Misery turns a metre to a mile
Fury erases traces of what was a smile
Yet sadness may not flourish where there is hope
And a single light enables my troubled mind to cope

The laugh of a loved one, a joyous melody
A sound so simple ignites such rhapsody
The warmth of another, a comforting closeness
Eradicates the wrath of my internal bitterness

Who am I to succumb to madness and sorrow
When euphoria thrives in the winds of tomorrow?
How shall I know the pleasures life may bear
If I remain caught up in the holds of despair?

- *Ria Agarwal*