

# Compos Mentis, Portrait Of An Attempted Escape

A cold caress awakens me  
An omen of nightmares to come  
Illumination and darkening amalgamate  
Blinded, I resign  
Imprisoned behind imperceptible bars  
I am in a daze  
I reach out for the outside world  
But it escapes my embrace  
We are all caught in a web of meanings  
A web that we have spun ourselves  
Humanity walled up in this prison of its own  
Portrait of an attempted escape  
We strive to read the book of nature  
But it's our own story that we tell  
Oh, please let this nightmare stop!  
I shiver as I suddenly comprehend  
The nature of my beliefs  
Illusions invoked by tradition  
Deception descended on mankind  
Imprisoned behind invisible walls  
This I cannot face  
I reach out for the outside world  
But it escapes my embrace