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The Ostentatious Bird of Fame, by Gowri Visvanathan, Lahat, Malaysia, December 2006

Lying auspiciously was this colourful kite, Spready like the sparkling spangle in the twilight, So prominent and opalescent, Feelings of an exclusive souvenir That has your heart engraved on it.

As this four angled kite Lowered its wonder-striking features, Its tegument put me under some spell. Wrong was my opinion when I saw it high, Thinking that it was just a kite; but now I have to sigh, Because down came this blessed bird with the strongest colours. Amazed and mesmerized me like no others, Trapping all my sensories but expanding all my moods, To let go off my spirit to wonder in the woods. Linking through those gloomy murs, Looking on were the other common birds, Crazily thinking of what I was doing. Because its striky moves gave me some notion, About this bird that brought me A certain consternation, I closed my eyes for a moment. Without applying any movements, Being still as the stationary mast, Immobile but with a steady heart, just to come back to my senses, And tell myself that I wasn’t dreaming, I gave myself this concession, Gently opening my eyes, Eagerly looking out for the enounced bird, Which earlier on appeared in front of me, I turned to look around—there it was! That turquoise neck and chest, With its bluish purple ventral parts, Outstanding with its lengthy train Of greenish feathers, Like polka dots, on by to resemble eyes, With its ostentatious display, Vanily and priggishly prancing With smooth flows of sensuous saunter, Not wanting to mudge its natural behavior That pained my disbeliefs, Lissomly parading its luxurious trains, Fanning and jerking with splendid trails, Carelessness may have almost tumbled me down, Over the huge roots of massive forest trees When I was in a mad rush to seek out More of its beauteous moves, A grand spectacle, I would never want to miss. I stayed composed to silently laud. This anomalous bird of much pride, Dancing phenomenally, full of chaste, Preening gracefully using its prinky beak. Its eyes so killingly enterprising, Brilliant and lambent; so suave and impressive, Its scream screeches way out a mile.

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