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These Thoughts are not Mine

Dev Vrat Sharma

The room was jumbled up
With piles of old newspapers,
All around; on the tea table- underneath it,
On the floor, Muddled up with clothes
In the cupboard and roughly
Occupying... half the bed.
This has been a meeting place,
People would pour in, encroaching
Upon the privacy of its Space
For their leisure, to spend idle Time,
They go away leaving behind
Waste paper plates, disposable plastic cups,
A few Cigarette butts; and also among other things
A bunch of --disarrayed thoughts.
The material waste would linger on
For a day or two, But this other waste
Has come to stay.
This cluster of uncanny voices,
Inadvertently struggling with
One another, in weird forms and
Disproportionate concoctions to entwine,
With the thoughts in my mind.

I shall disown them and declare
That these are not mine;
Neither other man's possession
As they have lost shape and
Assumed proportions and creepy shapes,
Too unbecoming for a human facade.