The Poet in Business

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About the Work:

The Poet in Business is about the business world with its focus on growth and a relentless push every quarter to achieve expected revenues. Success is measured in numbers and stock market performance. In contrast to this, poetry seems irrelevant, considering the time spent, and an output that is not measured in numbers. Yet poetry can contribute in many more subtle ways to organisations, and it is relevant in ways unseen.

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The poem
as if a silk scarf
over a winter coat
    Unnecessary
    Fragile
    Bound to slip away
Stand, crisp shirt
tucked in neatly
Hair razor-sharp edged
not one fly-away
Sky-high stilettoes
    Unsteady
    Impractical
    Bound in power
Painted long nails
A circle of a gold
chain, neat studs
The voice drones
Wide excel sheets
Numbers, quarter on quarter
    Revenue
    Stock markets
    Bound in success
Perfect the role
Perfect the actor
Perfect the businesswoman

The poem
learns to stay a whisper
just in passing
just a flash of rainbow
a kiss gone too soon
unforgotten
    Bound to remain