

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 stilettos
 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