

Anum Sattar

God Will Hear

Outraged, I shot up your urethral opening my thickest glochid
than tickle your nose with a chartreuse flower on my areole.

And there was I, cast out of this moth eaten tent;
holding onto whatever is left to save my aching heart...

NB: “God Will Hear” is an English translation of the Hebrew name Ishmael. Ishmael was the only son of Abraham and his concubine, Hagar. The poem is written from Hagar’s point of view on how bitter she was when she and her child were unjustly kicked out of their tribe by Abraham.

“stay away”
cautioning the new girlfriend
after all my ex put me through
only to envy each moment
they spent together

sweet mandarin orange slices
seasoned with salt

NB: Kural is a Tamil couplet form where two contrasting images are placed together. Written in English, kural is free of rhyme and metre. The first line consists of four words and the second line consists of three words. So then that is seven words altogether.

watching BBC food shows
to delay cooking

sponging dead body —
the sight of his erection
behind linen cloth