



Look at her Face

NB : The neem tree is valued in India for its medicinal properties.

Look at her face - it belongs
to the sky. Look at her face :
part of a neem tree, part of a crow -
Look at her face -
She knows how to wait.

Look at her hands -
they dream of ginger-root.
Look at her eyes -
They dream of the sea.

Who is she ?
Does she mind ?
Does she care ?
Crow-face, crow-face such a strong
Neem tree-face.
She knows how to wait.

And I - and I
can't stop looking at her.

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This poem was commissioned by the poet David Hart on behalf of the Arts Council. It is one of a collection of fifty poems by different UK poets - each on the subject of waiting. The poems are for display in waiting rooms.