



IT'S FANTASY
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NEW AND SELECTED POEMS

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Qualities of tenderness and compassion in Sharmila Ray's poems set them apart from much of the general flow in current poetics. I did come across technique and craftsmanship, not the sort found in academic journals, but the sort that knows when rules have to be broken, and then break them successfully. 'One feels like a caged animal smelling the future's breath of singed hair. But, with the dawn we sport a far-off look, holding a teacup and behave as if it's all over in another land on another day of another time.' Truly, I was somewhat stirred by the spell of these poems.

– Jayanta Mahapatra