



SILENT COMPANION

The Pomeranian

framed

by a

well-lit window. Somebody

waits

for

the familiar sound of light steps

on
the
narrow, winding path, along the
flower
bed; the soft-brown, innocent eyes
fixed
on the misted glass kissed by a migrant
moon floating in the depthless blue sea;
never once
complaining
of the
long delays; a lonely cell, the bare room,
the
dead-end
of
the street, timbered ravine yawning at the
back,

where

foxes and coyotes are sometimes seen.



Sunil Sharma: With a PhD in English, he is an academic, critic, literary editor and author with 29 published books: Eight collections of poetry; five of short fiction; two novels; a critical study of the novel, and, 10 joint anthologies on prose, poetry and criticism, and, two joint poetry collection and one joint fiction collection. A recipient of the UK-based Destiny Poets' **Inaugural Poet of the Year award---2012**; the **Panorama Golden Globe Award-2023**; and **Nissim Award for Excellence-2022** for the political novel *Minotaur*. His poems were published in the prestigious UN project: *Happiness: The Delight-Tree: An Anthology of Contemporary International Poetry*, in the year 2015. Sunil edits the English section of the monthly bilingual journal *Setu* published from Pittsburgh, USA (currently on hiatus).

<https://www.setumag.com/p/setu-home.html>
<https://sunilsharmawriter.com/>