

## A Pool of Mediocrity by Abishake Koul

I sometimes cringe unknowingly,  
Wake up in the middle of the night,  
Delving in the pool of mediocrity around me,  
Go back to sleep ashamed.  
I haven't shed my share of tears,  
Not surpassed the ingenuity I was supposed to,  
Overdosing in a tiny bubble,  
A bubble no one cares about.  
I wish for sins, for the unholy salt,  
The veins disgusted of the flowing blood,  
The mind is a treacherous creature,  
Laying out options to put the blame.  
I get tired too easily, too quickly,  
Maybe it is for the best,  
The shame gets to breathe a sigh of relief,  
A relief which I pray everyone is hoping for.



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