

VINOD KHANNA

Enigma

You are the hare, you the hound,
You the balm, O giver of wound;
You raise cities, shake the ground,
Enigma! Solution none has found.

You raise armies, make them fight,
Make kings arrogant, dust they bite;
Paint some black, paint some white,
Many get fame while others fright.

Fortunes do rise and fortunes fall,
Some get rewards, few hit the wall
Out of turn some people you call;
Thy tantrums apply to one and all.

Who meets dusk, who the dawn,
Who will be king, who the pawn;
Who gets brains, who the brawn,
Never you reveal what you plan.

Puppets like we, dance on strings,
Play our roles then fold our wings;

In Dreams we live as unreal kings,
Curtains fall soon as the bell rings.

Vinod Khanna (b.1948) is a Mechanical Engineer and a Post Graduate in English literature. He started writing at a young age and had four of his novels published, while he was barely out of his teens. His debut book of English poetry *Lamp Post* was awarded with an **Award of Excellence** as the best book of poetry in rhyme at International Poets meet-2014, organized by The Poetry Society of India, Gurgaon during September 2014.

Khanna's second book was of Hindi poetry in early 2015, titled *Lamhon Ki Shararat*, which too has been immensely liked by many connoisseurs of poetry. His third poetry book *Sentinel* was released by the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh along with the Vice Chancellor of HP University at Shimla on 22nd July 2015. He also edited an anthology of English poetry titled *Spectrum* and his poems have figured in many anthologies, worldwide. He is also a member of the editorial board of The Poetry Society of India, Gurgaon and Vice-President of the Readers and Writers Society of India, based in Chandigarh.

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