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## Poem

### The end of silence

Garima Kaur 

One dark night, as I was alone, the silence ended for me.  
 First, I thought it was a high-pitched whining of a machine.  
 I checked and checked until I realised the sound was coming from my ears.  
 Day-in, day-out, I found myself driven out of my mind  
 With the constant screeching noise.  
 When I was alone, I couldn't breathe,  
 I would bury my head under a pillow, it won't just cease.  
 It was my personal haunting.  
 I couldn't be with myself, trying to mask it with music and joyless conversations.  
 I couldn't express what this noise was doing to me.  
 Year by year, as life passed, I felt its grip loosening on me.  
 Now, it comes and goes like the waves in the sea.  
 On happy days, it's almost like it's not there with me.  
 I have since accepted it as part of my being.  
 When I look for it, it's always there, like a constant companion hidden in the scene.  
 Still, catching me off-guard when I am struggling.  
 But I have finally learned to make my peace with it  
 And bid farewell to silence for as long as I live.

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