Look at her face

Look at her face — it belongs
to the sky. Look at her face :
part of a neem tree, part of a crow —
Look at her face —
She knows how to wait.

Look at her hands —
they dream of ginger-root.
Look at her eyes —
They dream of the sea.

Who is she ?
Does she mind ?
Does she care ?
Crow-face, crow-face such a strong
Neem tree-face.
She knows how to wait.

And I — and I
can't stop looking at her.

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(the neem tree is valued in India for its medicinal properties)

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