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at Poetree, Kanakakunnu Palace Grounds,
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- This is indeed a great initiative and here's wishing Poetry Chain all the best.

- Gayatri Majumdar, Editor, *The Brown Critique*

- Now that the fest of the year is over, may I thank you profusely for the wonderful opportunity accorded to me by Poetry Chain.... As many already would acknowledge, you have enabled and encouraged so many poets to practise their craft and, I remain indebted to you in this regard.

With my kindest regards,
Soni Somarajan (Poet)

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Gopikrishnan Kottoor, the national award winning poet, founded Poetry Chain. In 2019, Poetry Chain celebrates its twenty second year. Poetry Chain continues its endeavour to promote Indian Poetry in English from Kerala. Poetry Chain's endeavours have earned praise from luminaries such as P. Lal, Jayanta Mahapatra, and the late Dr. Ayyappa Paniker, who stood by Poetry Chain through thick and thin. Padma Bhushan Prof. Shiv K Kumar had this to say on Gopikrishnan Kottoor 'I earnestly believe that you are one of the most committed and ardent lovers of poetry. At my age (92) I would like to say with deep affection and admiration - God bless you'.



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Lost Rains....

My mother
Who dwells
In a sky scraper
Looks down,
But anguished
Can only
See only toy-like
Men and cattle...

Poor she
is in vain;
She cannot enjoy the rain
For she finds only
Smokes of rain
Though it pours
Heavy drops
Down to the ground....

But she could walk
Her feet
Without mud
Without fear
All around
Of snakes or snails
Always lit
With lights around.....

Mother, let there be
But light in your heart
That lights everyone dear...