Bireswar Barua's Poem

I Know that One day

I know that evening of our life will descend one day The way ears of crops grow and drop down in the alien fields without us being even aware of it.

The night stars are being veiled by cloud The distant hill is being illumined by the lighting flashes I know that one day these will stay behind mirror images of just ourselves.

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