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RUNNER-UP

YOUR COMMENT DIDN'T RHYME – MONA ZANEEFER

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Unpretty keyboard strokes
remain in spaces up and in between.
Do you remember when
I <Post>: Keep my body intact.
I am not a metaphor for the sea.
To you,
in crevices, I might as well seep
for the law of the land reigns all,
you <Post>.
Fine.
But would you be at my funeral
to wipe my family's tears?

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What gallantry!
Were the characters limited?
Is that my identity on your profile?
You are
Me, you and everyone else.
We are all Sri Lankan.
That was easy. Are we truly alike?
You didn't attend the funeral.

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