

and so the drums were thrummed.

6 men from Kerala, one by one,
their chests bare, thrummed the drums

and the deity danced and blessed

they thrummed the drums

and a woman fainted

they thrummed the drums

and she woke up with water

splashes on her face

they thrummed the drums,

and the dog walked past the rite

they thrummed the drums

and the people got blessings

from the deity's right hand

they thrummed the drums,

and the fire blinked

6 men from Kerala

they thrummed

they thrummed

they thrummed

the drums

the drums thrummed

and the people were elevated

they thrummed the drums

and the orange flowers

on the headpiece swayed

they thrummed the drums,
6 men with different stories,
with their skin gently-touched
by ashes

they thrummed the drums
and people dreamt again

they thrummed the drums
and a droplet formed
on a baby's eyes

they thrummed the drums
and the ground embraced the salty drop

they thrummed the drums
and a bird flapped its wings

they thrummed the drums
and divinities flew

across
and above
and inside

the people.

they thrummed the drums
and the deity danced
and so the drums
were thrummed.