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Sthayibhava

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I foolishly thought
I was the author of my story
until Barthes whispered into my ears
that " you are dead".
He might be right
for I found each person
reading me differently.
" Don't I have a fixed identity?"
I asked
and Derrida talked to me
in an apologetic way
and said " you are
a deconstructed self my dear.
Dont struggle to find the centre"
My only peace was Foucault
who realised that
I had no power of my own.
They threw me down
and I fell down straight
into the feet of those
who showed me the
beautiful passage to rasa
and now I know
what's my sthayibhava.

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