

# The Lurching Man

Arayamparambil C.  
Anilkumar, MD

Correspondence to  
Dr. Anilkumar:  
anilpedneuro@gmail.com

The Lurching Man from my childhood came to me.  
On this small smart screen covered with glass I saw  
The iron eye of the tiger on his scan,  
But not those of the Lurching Man from my village  
memories.

I was too young then...  
Like his children, with whom I played  
And ran away scared, seeing their Dad.  
He calls my mother, "Sister... are you there?"  
The voice slowly squeezed out of a spastic throat  
A much forced out smile dripped as an afterthought.  
My sister and I hid till he was gone  
Eating the lunch my mother gave  
The only food he had in many days.  
I am afraid to ask his children now  
What they thought about their father.  
Maybe they don't want to remember  
The nightmare of their younger days.  
The contorted face,  
The writhing tongue swimming  
In drool.  
The Lurching Man...  
I wanted to help them explore their genes.  
But they don't need any charity  
Or dug up memories.

Come back Lurching Man.  
Maybe, I can help your children.  
I am not scared anymore.

# Neurology®

**The Lurching Man**  
Arayamparambil C. Anilkumar  
*Neurology* 2016;86:e34  
DOI 10.1212/WNL.0000000000002311

**This information is current as of January 25, 2016**

<b>Updated Information &amp; Services</b>	including high resolution figures, can be found at: <a href="http://n.neurology.org/content/86/4/e34.full">http://n.neurology.org/content/86/4/e34.full</a>
<b>Subspecialty Collections</b>	This article, along with others on similar topics, appears in the following collection(s): <b>All Movement Disorders</b> <a href="http://n.neurology.org/cgi/collection/all_movement_disorders">http://n.neurology.org/cgi/collection/all_movement_disorders</a> <b>Dystonia</b> <a href="http://n.neurology.org/cgi/collection/dystonia">http://n.neurology.org/cgi/collection/dystonia</a> <b>MRI</b> <a href="http://n.neurology.org/cgi/collection/mri">http://n.neurology.org/cgi/collection/mri</a>
<b>Permissions &amp; Licensing</b>	Information about reproducing this article in parts (figures, tables) or in its entirety can be found online at: <a href="http://www.neurology.org/about/about_the_journal#permissions">http://www.neurology.org/about/about_the_journal#permissions</a>
<b>Reprints</b>	Information about ordering reprints can be found online: <a href="http://n.neurology.org/subscribers/advertise">http://n.neurology.org/subscribers/advertise</a>

*Neurology*® is the official journal of the American Academy of Neurology. Published continuously since 1951, it is now a weekly with 48 issues per year. Copyright © 2016 American Academy of Neurology. All rights reserved. Print ISSN: 0028-3878. Online ISSN: 1526-632X.

