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Madness in independence

Randomly thinking of names and places
Preferably sitting in my own nook
Where would you like to sit, Madame?
The one in the corner, please
Where no one could see me
Sitting comfortably, it was just perfect
Alone in thoughts
But certainly entertained, as usual
Specific sights and sounds
Trigger the memory
Distinguishes my feelings from others
Shared physical spaces, unique experiences
Fate is never encountered twice
No one can claim the same
Because there is much madness in independence

– *Margaret Buenconsejo CHAVEZ*

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