# Breaking the shackles

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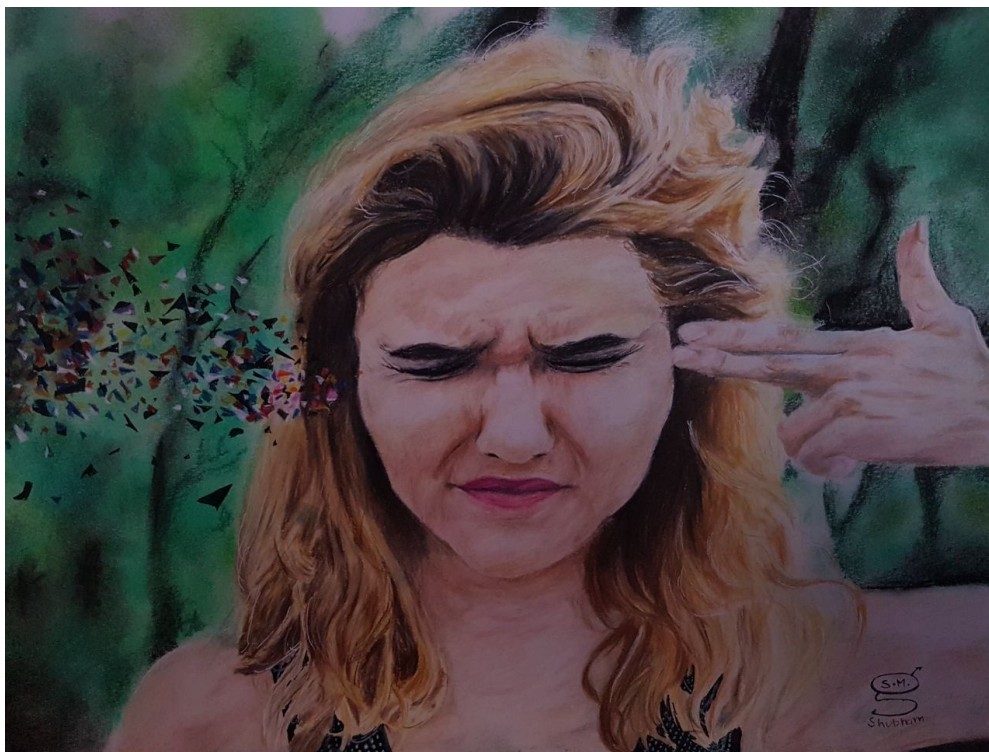Pramukh Swami Medical College, Karamsad, Gujarat
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**Poet's note:** Expressing emotions is difficult - much more difficult is the expression of those emotions through creativity. Especially when society doesn't appreciate that skill or that talent. Especially when you live in a society plagued by gender discrimination. Especially when your life has become part of a Matrix - bound by rules and regulations.

It takes courage to think differently, have a different mindset, a different imagination. But what happens when you cannot let that imagination run wild? What happens when it's trapped?

It withers away, IT DIES.
Much before that ... you must BREAK THE SHACKLES.

The emotions, welled up,
The creativity, bottled up.

Waiting to just break free,
Wanting to run on a wild spree.

My friend, have no Fear,
For Fear is the biggest Liar.

Sheer courage it surely takes,
but, to a fresh start the world wakes.

There are risks, many or few,
What matters is that you begin anew.

There lie in your way, numerous obstacles;
My friend, it's time you Break the Shackles.

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