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Gitanjali is translated into many languages and is widely popular in the West. It is for this inspiring collection of poems that the author, Rabingranath Togore, won the coveted Nobel Prize. This frail vessel thou emptiest again and again, and fillest it ever with fresh life. This little flute of a reed thou hast carried over hills and dales, and hast breathed through it melodies eternally new. At the immortal touch of thy hands my little heart loses its limits in joy and gives birth to utterance ineffable. Thy infinite gifts come to me only on these very small hands of mine. Ages pass, and still thou pourest, and still there is room to fill. When thou commandest me to sing it seems that my heart would break with pride; and I look to thy face, and tears come to my eyes. All that is harsh and dissonant in my life melts into one sweet harmony and my adoration spreads wings like a glad bird on its flight across the sea. I know thou takest pleasure in my singing. I know that only as a singer I come before thy presence. I touch by the edge of the far-spreading wing of my song thy feet which I could never aspire to reach. Drunk with the joy of singing I forget myself and call thee friend who art my lord. I know not how thou singest, my master! I ever listen in silent amazement. The light of thy music illumines the world. The life breath of thy music runs from sky to sky. The holy stream of thy music breaks through all stony obstacles and rushes on. My heart longs to join in thy song, but vainly struggles for a voice. I would speak, but speech breaks not into song, and I cry out baffled. Ah, thou hast made my heart captive in the endless meshes of thy music, my master! Life of my life, I shall ever try to keep my body pure, knowing that thy living touch is upon all my limbs. I shall ever try to keep all untruths out from my thoughts, knowing that thou art that truth which has kindled the light of reason in my mind. I shall ever try to drive all evils away from my heart and keep my love in flower, knowing that thou hast thy seat in the inmost shrine of my heart. And it shall be my endeavour to reveal thee in my actions, knowing it is thy power gives me strength to act. The works that I have in hand I will finish afterwards. Away from the sight of thy face my heart knows no rest nor respite, and my work becomes an endless toil in a shoreless sea of toil. Today the summer has come at my window with its sighs and murmurs; and the bees are plying their minstrelsy at the court of the flowering grove. Now it is time to sit quite, face to face with thee, and to sing dedication of live in this silent and overflowing leisure. Pluck this little flower and take it, delay not! I fear lest it droop and drop into the dust. I may not find a place in thy garland, but honour it with a touch of pain from thy hand and pluck it. I fear lest the day end before I am aware, and the time of offering go by. Though its colour be not deep and its smell be faint, use this flower in thy service and pluck it while there is time. My song has put off her adornments. She has no pride of dress and decoration. Ornaments would mar our union; they would come between thee and me; their jingling would drown thy whispers. O master poet, I have sat down at thy feet. Only let me make my life simple and straight, like a flute of reed for thee to fill with music. In fear that it may be frayed, or stained with dust he keeps himself from the world, and is afraid even to move. Mother, it is no gain, thy bondage of finery, if it keep one shut off from the healthful dust of the earth, if it rob one of the right of entrance to the great fair of common human life. O Fool, try to carry thyself upon thy own shoulders! O beggar, to come beg at thy own door! Leave all thy burdens on his hands who can bear all, and never look behind in regret. Thy desire at once puts out the light from the lamp it touches with its breath. It is unholy take not thy gifts through its unclean hands. Accept only what is offered by sacred love. Here is thy footstool and there rest thy feet where live the poorest, and lowliest, and lost. When I try to bow to thee, my obeisance cannot reach down to the depth where thy feet rest among the poorest, and lowliest, and lost. Pride can never approach to where thou walkest in the clothes of the humble among the poorest, and lowliest, and lost. My heart can never find its way to where thou keepest company with the companionless among the poorest, the lowliest, and the lost. Leave this chanting and singing and telling of beads! Whom dost thou worship in this lonely dark corner of a temple with doors all shut? Open thine eyes and see thy God is not before thee! He is there where the tiller is tilling the hard ground and where the pathmaker is breaking stones. He is with them in sun and in shower, and his garment is covered

with dust. Put of thy holy mantle and even like him come down on the dusty soil! Where is this deliverance to be found? Our master himself has joyfully taken upon him the bonds of creation; he is bound with us all for ever. Come out of thy meditations and leave aside thy flowers and incense! What harm is there if thy clothes become tattered and stained? Meet him and stand by him in toil and in sweat of thy brow. The time that my journey takes is long and the way of it long. I came out on the chariot of the first gleam of light, and pursued my voyage through the wildernesses of worlds leaving my track on many a star and planet. It is the most distant course that comes nearest to thyself, and that training is the most intricate which leads to the utter simplicity of a tune. The traveller has to knock at every alien door to come to his own, and one has to wander through all the outer worlds to reach the innermost shrine at the end. I have spent my days in stringing and in unstringing my instrument. The time has not come true, the words have not been rightly set; only there is the agony of wishing in my heart. The blossom has not opened; only the wind is sighing by. I have not seen his face, nor have I listened to his voice; only I have heard his gentle footsteps from the road before my house. The livelong day has passed in spreading his seat on the floor; but the lamp has not been lit and I cannot ask him into my house. I live in the hope of meeting with him; but this meeting is not yet. My desires are many and my cry is pitiful, but ever didst thou save me by hard refusals; and this strong mercy has been wrought into my life through and through. Day by day thou art making me worthy of the simple, great gifts that thou gavest to me unasked this sky and the light, this body and the life and the mind saving me from perils of overmuch desire. There are times when I languidly linger and times when I awaken and hurry in search of my goal; but cruelly thou hidest thyself from before me. Day by day thou art making me worthy of thy full acceptance by refusing me ever and anon, saving me from perils of weak, uncertain desire. I am here to sing thee songs. In this hall of thine I have a corner seat. In thy world I have no work to do; my useless life can only break out in tunes without a purpose. When the hour strikes for thy silent worship at the dark temple of midnight, command me, my master, to stand before thee to sing. When in the morning air the golden harp is tuned, honour me, commanding my presence. My eyes have seen and my ears have heard. It was my part at this feast to play upon my instrument, and I have done all I could. Now, I ask, has the time come at last when I may go in and see thy face and offer thee my silent salutation? I am only waiting for love to give myself up at last into his hands. That is why it is so late and why I have been guilty of such omissions. They come with their laws and their codes to bind me fast; but I evade them ever, for I am only waiting for love to give myself up at last into his hands. People blame me and call me heedless; I doubt not they are right in their blame. The market day is over and work is all done for the busy. Those who came to call me in vain have gone back in anger. Clouds heap upon clouds and it darkens. Ah, love, why dost thou let me wait outside at the door all alone? In the busy moments of the noontide work I am with the crowd, but on this dark lonely day it is only for thee that I hope. If thou showest me not thy face, if thou leavest me wholly aside, I know not how I am to pass these long, rainy hours. I keep gazing on the far-away gloom of the sky, and my heart wanders wailing with the restless wind. If thou speakest not I will fill my heart with thy silence and endure it. I will keep still and wait like the night with starry vigil and its head bent low with patience. The morning will surely come, the darkness will vanish, and thy voice pour down in golden streams breaking through the sky. On the day when the lotus bloomed, alas, my mind was straying, and I knew it not.

Chapter 2 : Gitanjali by Rabindranath Tagore - Works of Rabindranath Tagore

Rabindranath Tagore "Indian Poet born on May 06, , died on August 07, Rabindranath Tagore, also written Rabndrantha Thkura, sobriquet Gurudev, was a Bengali polymath who reshaped Bengali literature and music, as well as Indian art with Contextual Modernism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Gitanjali - Poem by Rabindranath Tagore Autoplay next video 1. Thou hast made me endless, such is thy pleasure. This frail vessel thou emptiest again and again, and fillest it ever with fresh life. This little flute of a reed thou hast carried over hills and dales, and hast breathed through it melodies eternally new. At the immortal touch of thy hands my little heart loses its limits in joy and gives birth to utterance ineffable. Thy infinite gifts come to me only on these very small hands of mine. Ages pass, and still thou pourest, and still there is room to fill. When thou commandest me to sing it seems that my heart would break with pride; and I look to thy face, and tears come to my eyes. All that is harsh and dissonant in my life melts into one sweet harmony - and my adoration spreads wings like a glad bird on its flight across the sea. I know thou takest pleasure in my singing. I know that only as a singer I come before thy presence. I touch by the edge of the far-spreading wing of my song thy feet which I could never aspire to reach. Drunk with the joy of singing I forget myself and call thee friend who art my lord. I know not how thou singest, my master! I ever listen in silent amazement. The light of thy music illumines the world. The life breath of thy music runs from sky to sky. The holy stream of thy music breaks through all stony obstacles and rushes on. My heart longs to join in thy song, but vainly struggles for a voice. I would speak, but speech breaks not into song, and I cry out baffled. Ah, thou hast made my heart captive in the endless meshes of thy music, my master! Life of my life, I shall ever try to keep my body pure, knowing that thy living touch is upon all my limbs. I shall ever try to keep all untruths out from my thoughts, knowing that thou art that truth which has kindled the light of reason in my mind. I shall ever try to drive all evils away from my heart and keep my love in flower, knowing that thou hast thy seat in the inmost shrine of my heart. And it shall be my endeavour to reveal thee in my actions, knowing it is thy power gives me strength to act. The works that I have in hand I will finish afterwards. Away from the sight of thy face my heart knows no rest nor respite, and my work becomes an endless toil in a shoreless sea of toil. Today the summer has come at my window with its sighs and murmurs; and the bees are plying their minstrelsy at the court of the flowering grove. Now it is time to sit quite, face to face with thee, and to sing dedication of life in this silent and overflowing leisure. Pluck this little flower and take it, delay not! I fear lest it droop and drop into the dust. I may not find a place in thy garland, but honour it with a touch of pain from thy hand and pluck it. I fear lest the day end before I am aware, and the time of offering go by. Though its colour be not deep and its smell be faint, use this flower in thy service and pluck it while there is time. My song has put off her adornments. She has no pride of dress and decoration. Ornaments would mar our union; they would come between thee and me; their jingling would drown thy whispers. O master poet, I have sat down at thy feet. Only let me make my life simple and straight, like a flute of reed for thee to fill with music. In fear that it may be frayed, or stained with dust he keeps himself from the world, and is afraid even to move. Mother, it is no gain, thy bondage of finery, if it keeps one shut off from the healthful dust of the earth, if it rob one of the right of entrance to the great fair of common human life. O Fool, try to carry thyself upon thy own shoulders! O beggar, to come beg at thy own door! Leave all thy burdens on his hands who can bear all, and never look behind in regret. Thy desire at once puts out the light from the lamp it touches with its breath. It is unholy - take not thy gifts through its unclean hands. Accept only what is offered by sacred love. Here is thy footstool and there rest thy feet where live the poorest, and lowliest, and lost. When I try to bow to thee, my obeisance cannot reach down to the depth where thy feet rest among the poorest, and lowliest, and lost. Pride can never approach to where thou walkest in the clothes of the humble among the poorest, and lowliest, and lost. My heart can never find its way to where thou keepest company with the companionless among the poorest, the lowliest, and the lost. Leave this chanting and singing and telling of beads! Whom dost thou worship in this lonely dark corner of a temple with doors all shut? Open thine eyes and see thy God is not before thee! He is there where the tiller is tilling the hard ground and where the pathmaker is breaking stones.

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Chapter 3 : Rabindranath Tagore - Biographical - calendrierdelascience.com

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Early life of Rabindranath Tagore The youngest of thirteen surviving children, Tagore nicknamed "Rabi" was born on 7 May in the Jorasanko mansion in Calcutta to Debendranath Tagore and Sarada Devi They hosted the publication of literary magazines; theatre and recitals of Bengali and Western classical music featured there regularly. Another brother, Satyendranath , was the first Indian appointed to the elite and formerly all-European Indian Civil Service. Yet another brother, Jyotirindranath , was a musician, composer, and playwright. Her abrupt suicide in , soon after he married, left him profoundly distraught for years. He learned drawing, anatomy, geography and history, literature, mathematics, Sanskrit, and English his least favourite subject. Years later he held that proper teaching does not explain things; proper teaching stokes curiosity: He mentions about this in his My Reminiscences The golden temple of Amritsar comes back to me like a dream. Many a morning have I accompanied my father to this Gurudarbar of the Sikhs in the middle of the lake. There the sacred chanting resounds continually. My father, seated amidst the throng of worshippers, would sometimes add his voice to the hymn of praise, and finding a stranger joining in their devotions they would wax enthusiastically cordial, and we would return loaded with the sanctified offerings of sugar crystals and other sweets. Lively English, Irish, and Scottish folk tunes impressed Tagore, whose own tradition of Nidhubabu -authored kirtans and tappas and Brahma hymnody was subdued. These had a profound impact within Bengal itself but received little national attention. They had five children, two of whom died in childhood. In Tagore began managing his vast ancestral estates in Shelaidaha today a region of Bangladesh ; he was joined there by his wife and children in Tagore released his Manasi poems , among his best-known work. He collected mostly token rents and blessed villagers who in turn honoured him with banquets occasionally of dried rice and sour milk. His father died in The time has come when badges of honour make our shame glaring in their incongruous context of humiliation, and I for my part wish to stand, shorn of all special distinctions, by the side of my country men. He lectured against these, he penned Dalit heroes for his poems and his dramas, and he campaigned successfully to open Guruvayoor Temple to Dalits. It affirmed his opinion that human divisions were shallow. During a May visit to a Bedouin encampment in the Iraqi desert, the tribal chief told him that "Our prophet has said that a true Muslim is he by whose words and deeds not the least of his brother-men may ever come to any harm That year, an earthquake hit Bihar and killed thousands. Gandhi hailed it as seismic karma , as divine retribution avenging the oppression of Dalits. Tagore rebuked him for his seemingly ignominious implications. Experimentation continued in his prose-songs and dance-dramas Chitra , Shyama , and Chandalika and in his novels Dui Bon , Malancha , and Char Adhyay His respect for scientific laws and his exploration of biology, physics, and astronomy informed his poetry, which exhibited extensive naturalism and verisimilitude. His last five years were marked by chronic pain and two long periods of illness. These began when Tagore lost consciousness in late ; he remained comatose and near death for a time. This was followed in late by a similar spell, from which he never recovered. Poetry from these valetudinary years is among his finest. Sen, brother of the first chief election commissioner, received dictation from Tagore on 30 July , a day prior to a scheduled operation: Today my sack is empty. I have given completely whatever I had to give. In return if I receive anything some love, some forgiveness then I will take it with me when I step on the boat that crosses to the festival of the wordless end. Travels Jawaharlal Nehru and Rabindranath Tagore Our passions and desires are unruly, but our character subdues these elements into a harmonious whole. Does something similar to this happen in the physical world? Are the elements rebellious, dynamic with individual impulse? And is there a principle in the physical world which dominates them and puts them into an orderly organization? He travelled to Mexico. He left for home in January He planted a tree and a bust statue was placed there in a gift from the Indian government, the work of Rasithan Kashar, replaced by a newly gifted statue in and the lakeside promenade still bears his name since The resultant travelogues compose Jatri Upon returning to

Britain and as his paintings were exhibited in Paris and London he lodged at a Birmingham Quaker settlement. Wells , and Romain Rolland. Hamid Ansari has said that Rabindranath Tagore heralded the cultural rapprochement between communities, societies and nations much before it became the liberal norm of conduct. Tagore was a man ahead of his time. He wrote in , while on a visit to Iran, that "each country of Asia will solve its own historical problems according to its strength, nature and needs, but the lamp they will each carry on their path to progress will converge to illuminate the common ray of knowledge. Works of Rabindranath Tagore Known mostly for his poetry, Tagore wrote novels, essays, short stories, travelogues, dramas, and thousands of songs. His works are frequently noted for their rhythmic, optimistic, and lyrical nature. Such stories mostly borrow from the lives of common people. His brief chat with Einstein , "Note on the Nature of Reality", is included as an appendix to the latter. This includes all versions of each work and fills about eighty volumes. Tagore stated that his works sought to articulate "the play of feeling and not of action". In he wrote Visarjan an adaptation of his novella Rajarshi , which has been regarded as his finest drama. In the original Bengali language, such works included intricate subplots and extended monologues. Short stories Cover of the Sabuj Patra magazine, edited by Pramatha Chaudhuri Tagore began his career in short stories in when he was only sixteen with "Bhikharini" "The Beggar Woman". Ignorant of his foreign origins, he chastises Hindu religious backsliders out of love for the indigenous Indians and solidarity with them against his hegemon-compatriots. He falls for a Brahma girl, compelling his worried foster father to reveal his lost past and cease his nativist zeal. She had risen in an observant and sheltered traditional home, as had all her female relations. Shesher Kobita translated twice as Last Poem and Farewell Song is his most lyrical novel, with poems and rhythmic passages written by a poet protagonist. It contains elements of satire and postmodernism and has stock characters who gleefully attack the reputation of an old, outmoded, oppressively renowned poet who, incidentally, goes by a familiar name: Though his novels remain among the least-appreciated of his works, they have been given renewed attention via film adaptations by Ray and others: Chokher Bali and Ghare Baire are exemplary. In the first, Tagore inscribes Bengali society via its heroine: He pillories the custom of perpetual mourning on the part of widows, who were not allowed to remarry, who were consigned to seclusion and loneliness. Tagore wrote of it: Part of a poem written by Tagore in Hungary , He was influenced by the atavistic mysticism of Vyasa and other rishi-authors of the Upanishads , the Bhakti - Sufi mystic Kabir , and Ramprasad Sen. Examples of this include Africa and Camalia, which are among the better known of his latter poems. Songs Rabindra Sangeet Tagore was a prolific composer with around 2, songs to his credit. Influenced by the thumri style of Hindustani music , they ran the entire gamut of human emotion, ranging from his early dirge-like Brahma devotional hymns to quasi-erotic compositions. It was written ironically to protest the Partition of Bengal along communal lines: Tagore saw the partition as a cunning plan to stop the independence movement , and he aimed to rekindle Bengali unity and tar communalism. Jana Gana Mana was written in shadhu-bhasha , a Sanskritised form of Bengali, and is the first of five stanzas of the Brahma hymn Bharot Bhagyot Bidhata that Tagore composed. It was first sung in at a Calcutta session of the Indian National Congress [] and was adopted in by the Constituent Assembly of the Republic of India as its national anthem. Even illiterate villagers sing his songs".

Chapter 4 : Gitanjali - Wikipedia

Rabindranath Tagore FRAS (7 May - 7 August), sobriquet Gurudev, was a Bengali polymath from the Indian subcontinent, who was a poet, musician and artist. He reshaped Bengali literature and music, as well as Indian art with Contextual Modernism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Rabindranath did not want to study at a school. So he was home schooled for his primary education. Later on he went to England for secondary education. During this period, he was inspired by the speeches of Professor Marle, thus started appreciating the English literature. He used to converse with scholars, attend musical concerts to gain knowledge about English traditions. He stayed in England for 18 months, but returned to India without getting any degree. Rabindranath published many poems, articles, commentaries at a very young age. His father was impressed by his devotional songs and gave him enough money to publish them. Later on it was translated into many world languages and was recognized by all as one of the best among world literature. Rabindranath was awarded Nobel Prize in literature for Gitanjali. The songs of Gitanjali point out the causes for human misery, preach to love all beings, and teach to recognize the virtue of hard work. In Shanti Niketan students are free to choose the subjects that excite their mind and open their horizons. He also believed in development of villages leads to a strong nation. He worked hard toward resuscitation of villages. He believed in brotherhood of all religions. Rabindranath started painting when he was 70 years old. His paintings were in art exhibitions at world cities like London, Paris, New York and others. He painted nearly paintings. Rabindranath was naturally a great patriot. He sang devotional songs at many Hindu gatherings. He protested against British for imprisonment of Lokamanya Tilak. He played a pivotal role in the movement against division of Bengal. He organized many fund raising events to collect donations for national trust. Rabindranath was irreversibly saddened when the second world war started. His health deteriorated gradually. He sought medial treatment in Calcutta for his diseases due to depression, but it was too late.

Chapter 5 : Rabindranath Tagore Quotes (Author of Gitanjali)

"Viswakavi" Rabindranath Tagore. On May 9 th , a national gem, Rabindranath was born to Sharada Devi and Devendranath Tagore of Bengal. Rabindranath did not want to study at a school.

I am letting my heart pour out over this review. Read it if you want to or if have some time to spare. I always wanted to write a review on Geetanjali, as it has been very close to my heart and always will be, but something stopped me every time I made an attempt. Maybe it was the memory of all the overflowing emotions which I had experienced while reading these poems or it was my immense love and respect for its writer that made me feel unworthy to make any sort of comm Warning: Maybe it was the memory of all the overflowing emotions which I had experienced while reading these poems or it was my immense love and respect for its writer that made me feel unworthy to make any sort of comment on his work, I cannot point out. He says it is all right, and hence I am writing this review. I am writing this review, because I think I might die if I do not do so and do not ask me why. It was my mother who introduced me to the beautiful world of literature. When I was kid, all I could hear from her were stories she read as a child or stories which she read just for me. As I grew older, she started talking to me about her favorite authors and why they mattered so much. One day, when I was 12, she showed me her copy of Geetanjali which she had read when she was 14 it was a translation in Telugu, our native language. She held it with lot of care as it was an old copy and was in a bad shape, as it was subjected to a of lot of re-readings. She sat next to me and read a few poems aloud, from her favorite passages she had marked as a child. Poetry intimidated me then and I never tried to take it seriously. She smiled at me and said nothing. I looked at her in awe; she looked immensely happy, almost in bliss. And I said nothing. I believe people should be allowed to celebrate their birthday doing what they love the most; hence I read. So like always, I selected my favorite corner of our house, sat down and started reading my new gift. This is how the book started: Thou hast made me endless, such is thy pleasure. This frail vessel thou emptiest again and again, and fillest it ever with fresh life. This little flute of a reed thou hast carried over hills and dales, and hast breathed through it melodies eternally new. At the immortal touch of thy hands my little heart loses its limits in joy and gives birth to utterance ineffable. Thy infinite gifts come to me only on these very small hands of mine. Ages pass, and still thou pourest, and still there is room to fill. I re-read it again. And this went on for next five hours, until I finished reading and re-reading all the poems. After those five hours, once I felt that my heart was content, I ran to hug my mother and thanked her. I was in love. I never knew what it felt like to be in love, but it had to be something like what I was feeling at that moment because it felt so wonderful; almost as if my heart would burst out with happiness. The rest of the day I was gleaming with joy, I was just going on and on about these poems and my mother, my sweet mother, listened to me with all her patience and a smile on her face. Since that day, Geetanjali has always been with me; like a true friend. During those days, I used to fall asleep reading it, carry it to my school, read it whenever I was overjoyed, read it whenever any kind of sadness overtook me; the result was the same: I experienced spiritual bliss every single time. There was a time when I stopped reading all other books, it was just Geetanjali for me. I was having a serious love affair with my new-found favorite book. I am still addicted to this book. I read it everyday, aloud, to let those words sink into my heart with their weight of beauty. It is almost a habit now. Even today I find my eyes filled with tears as I read these poems. I do not have an exact answer for you if you would ask me that. Maybe some books are written for some people. Though he wrote these poems out of spiritual love or maybe for other million reasons, I believed that out of those million reasons, one would have been to support my existence in this world. Words fail me when I try to explain why I am so devoted to this book. Now something about this book, excluding my dramatic emotions related to it. He was a spiritual man, and his poems depict that love. Only love and nothing else; in its purest and pious form. He sees God in nature, in his friends, in his lover, in children, and in God Himself. These are few of the poems I personally love: Poem 26 He came and sat by my side but I woke not. What a cursed sleep it was, O miserable me! He came when the night was still; he had his harp in his hands, and my dreams became resonant with its melodies. Alas, why are my nights all thus lost? Ah, why do I ever miss his sight whose breath touches my sleep? Poem 32 By all means they try to hold me

secure who love me in this world. But it is otherwise with thy love which is greater than theirs, and thou keepest me free. Lest I forget them they never venture to leave me alone. But day passes by after day and thou art not seen. If I call not thee in my prayers, if I keep not thee in my heart, thy love for me still waits for my love. Passing Breeze Yes, I know, this is nothing but thy love, O beloved of my heart this golden light that dances upon the leaves, these idle clouds sailing across the sky, this passing breeze leaving its coolness upon my forehead. The morning light has flooded my eyes this is thy message to my heart. Thy face is bent from above, thy eyes look down on my eyes, and my heart has touched thy feet. Another one which depicts his longing for His love: She She who ever had remained in the depth of my being, in the twilight of gleams and of glimpses; she who never opened her veils in the morning light, will be my last gift to thee, my God, folded in my final song. Words have wooed yet failed to win her; persuasion has stretched to her its eager arms in vain. I have roamed from country to country keeping her in the core of my heart, and around her have risen and fallen the growth and decay of my life. Over my thoughts and actions, my slumbers and dreams, she reigned yet dwelled alone and apart. Many a man knocked at my door and asked for her and turned away in despair. There was none in the world who ever saw her face to face, and she remained in her loneliness waiting for thy recognition. For Tagore, death was reliever. He always looked at death as his friend who would finally take him and make him stand face to face with God. O thou the last fulfilment of life, Death, my death, come and whisper to me! Day after day I have kept watch for thee; for thee have I borne the joys and pangs of life. All that I am, that I have, that I hope and all my love have ever flowed towards thee in depth of secrecy. One final glance from thine eyes and my life will be ever thine own. The flowers have been woven and the garland is ready for the bridegroom. After the wedding the bride shall leave her home and meet her lord alone in the solitude of night. The poems are not in any particular order, they show his freedom of emotions. In one poem he is a beggar asking alms from a king, in one poem he is a king himself. He takes roles of a child, a lover, a farmer, a poet, a prisoner, a musician, to explain his love in various forms but equally great. I wish I could quote every single line from every single poem and show you how lyrical and scintillating his writing is. How his words dance and pour out love! They are simple but yet so profound. Their sincerity and awe-inspiring style is what makes them so beautiful. You should read them and experience that joy of reading a mystic yourself, that is all I can say. You will not be disappointed. Pardon me if the length was irritating or if my writing made you yawn. I tried to write what came out of my heart at this very moment. A small meager tribute to my beloved Tagore, from that place in my heart where he is residing and will eternally reside.

Chapter 6 : Gitanjali: Song Offerings by Rabindranath Tagore

Rabindranath Tagore Gitanjali (Excerpts) - India Nobel Prize for Literature Dedicated to Sant Kirpal Singh If it is not my portion to meet Thee in.

He was a humanist, with universality based thinking. He had completely different idea about a nation. India is a nation that is ideational. It is bound by invisible threads. What do these statements signify? India is one culturally, yet, water harnessing techniques vary across regions. India is one culturally, yet the designs of shelters vary across regions. India is one culturally, yet food habits vary across regions. India is one culturally, yet clothing varies across regions. India is one culturally, yet languages vary across regions. India is one culturally, yet art forms vary across regions. Thus Tagore through his concept of India, promoted unity among the people, who were a Mass of Diversity. This greatly helped in the freedom struggle. Rabindranath Tagore had then come to visit his friend, an Irish poet, James H. It was in the midst of the rolling hills of Madanapalle, along with Mrs. Cousins, who was a Western music exponent, that Tagore set the tune for Jana Gana Mana, which we sing today with pride. The original hand written notations of the composition are now framed and proudly displayed on the walls of this college. Hills of Madanapalle Poem in the own handwriting of Tagore It was thus the winds of the dreamy hills of Madanapalle, Andhra Pradesh that breathed the tune into our National Anthem. This original Bengali work consisting of poems was first published on August 14, The English translations by Rabindranath Tagore of his 53 poems from Gitanjali, and 50 other poems from his drama Achalaytan, 17 other poems from his work Gitimalya, 15 poems from his work Naivedya and 11 poems from his work Kheya were published in by the India Society of London, as a separate work. Tagore held forth strongly on the concept of one world family or Vasudeiva Kutumbakam. On June 5, , when Tagore had landed at the Tokyo station from Kobe, there was a crowd between to strong, waiting at the station to catch a glimpse of this Nobel Laureate. Rabindranath Tagore in Japan On June 11, , when Tagore was due to deliver a formal lecture at the Tokyo Imperial University at 4 PM, the hall was overflowing at 2 PM itself, with over listeners who had come to listen to him, even though they did not know English and there was no translation. On September 3, , when Tagore boarded the ship S. Canada Maru for the US, he was seen off by the who is who of the Japanese literary and art circles. Such was the respect that this poet from India had commanded in Japan. This town was expanded by Tagore, who converted it into a University town of Vishva Bharati University. A Univeristy which reflected the vision of Tagore. The educational contributions of this university based on the idealism of Tagore, made it the first recognized university of India, by the Central Government in Rabindranath Tagore at the Santiniketan Rabindranath Tagore had this to say on the education system then under British Raj, which he wanted to transform, At the Santiniketan under Tagore, the focus was mostly on Nature Based Education, and open air learning. In Advertisements There was a time when Tagore used to endorse soap in advertisements. It is due to the tireless efforts of such leaders that Indian finally gained freedom from the British Raj in

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