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# Shafiqul Islam(10 February)

Poet Shafiqul Islam is a symbol of youth and Rebellion. The main theme of his poetry is love and rebellion. Besides writing poetry, he wrote a lot of songs. His patriotic and social-conscious songs attempt to stir up the people against discrimination and exploitation. He is enlisted lyricist in Bangladesh radio and television.

Shafiqul Islam was born on February 10,1963 AD at khulia Para of Sekhghat in Sylhet district.. His father, Mantaz Ali was by profession a customs officer, his mother's name is Shamsun Nahar, a housewife.

He passed SSC from Aided High School in Sylhet district and HSC from Madan Mohan College. He later received his Master's degree in Economics and Social Welfare from the University of Dhaka. He obtained MA degree in Islamic Studies from the Asian University of Bangladesh. While studying in the university he was awarded Gold Medal for his outstanding academic excellence

An honest and sincere officer poet Shafiqul Islam belongs to the BCS (Administration) cadre. His career began in Kushtia DC office as Assistant Commissioner. Later he became Metropolitan Magistrate in the CMM Court of Dhaka City. He was former ADC, Brahmanbaria district. He also served as General Manager in the Road Transport Corporation of Bangladesh and deputy director of the Directorate of Relief and Rehabilitation. He also held position of Senior Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of home affairs, deputy secretary in External Resource Division in the Ministry of Finance and At present, he is working as deputy secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh. During his career, Shafiqul Islam traveled many countries for official purpose, among them Britain, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, South Korea, Philippines and Singapore are noteworthy.

He has been writing poem since childhood. During his college life he published a literary journal named 'Spandan', edited by beating out a name. Moreover, during study in college his poems and short stories were being published in college magazine. Later, his writings were published in the local, national dailies as well as newspapers.

In 1981, he obtained 'Bangladesh Council Literature Prize in the nationwide literary competition organized by the then Ministry of Sports and Culture on the occasion of Ekushey February, the International Mother Language Day. The poet also received Author Honorary Award-2008. Recently, he received Nazrul Gold

Medal award for his popular book of poetry Tobu O Bristi Asuk (Let There Be Rain) .

Apparently, many people described him as a poet of love and Separation but reading the poems in his books especially in the &quot; Dohon Kaler Kabbyo (Verses of Firey Days) and &quot; Protoyee Jatra (Indomitable Journey) it will be clearly evident to anybody that he is a social-conscious poet of his time. Discrepancies and inequalities of society that have affected his mind very much can be realized easily.

Books of poet Shafiqul Islam:

His book of poem is being published one after another at different times in the Book Fair Of Ekushey First published book is Aye Ghor and Aye lokaloy (This Home and This Inhabitant) in 2000 published from Probortin d book is Akti Akash O Onek Bristi (One Sky and Many Cloud) in 2004 published by Amir most famous book is Tobu O Bristi Asuk (Let There Be Rain) which is the publication of Agamee Prokashoni in 2007. Srabon Diner Kabbo (Song of Rainy Days) in 2010, a compilation of lyrics, Megh Bhanga Roddur (Sunlight on the Cloud) in 2008 are also published from Agamee Prokashoni. His mostly social-conscious books are Dohon Kaler Kabbyo (Verses of Firey Days) in 2011 and &quot; Protoyee Jatra (Indomitable Journey) in 2012, both are published from Mizan Publishers. Now, his books are also available in (Phone: 16297 OR 01519521971) , a famous bookstore.

Now, his books are available for from these ebook publishing website- , , , , and and also available for from these forum like , , , and . His books are also available in the Google play store. There are a lot of videos on his poem recitation and song in the Facebook group and youtube. Now, his books are also available in (Phone: 16297 OR 01519521971) , a famous bookstore.

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# 'Let There Be Rain'

After many days  
Today wind beckons a immediate rainfall  
And nectar smell of clay spread in the air-  
Everyone is worried about  
Thinking immediate shower.  
Everybody is eager to return home  
Before starting rain  
Yet there is no worry in my mind  
No remarkable hastiness is visible  
In my movement.

After a long heat wave  
Possibility of coveted shower  
Spread joy furtively in my warm heart.  
I await eagerly for rainfall.  
Let it rain now  
Let it come down after long  
Though there is no shade of big tree  
To take shelter,  
Even I have no umbrella  
If rain water soaks my whole body,  
Wearing clothes-  
In spite of that let the rain come  
May it fall over the whole sky  
Let the rain dropp submerging  
fields and meadows.  
If that unfrugal rain water drowns me  
Even engulfs my homestead  
There is no loss.□

Yet, be it rained□  
In Ethiopia, Sudan  
Drought-engulfed famine-stricken  
Most unfortunate Africa-  
Let vast waste land of Africa  
Be filled with green crops  
Before happening all  
Let the rain fall  
In the desert of conscience

May the humanity bloom there  
Alike flower.  
And the world and evils of mind  
Be purified.

Let man's love for one another  
Turns into fountain  
Mixing with rain water.  
Let it flows as endless wave  
Touching every thirsty soul.  
Now, after a long time  
May it rain in torrent  
This time, profusely  
Across our fields and meadows  
Of dust-covered filthy heart.

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