

Classic Poetry Series

Jasimuddin
- poems -

Publication Date:

2012

Publisher:

Poemhunter.com - The World's Poetry Archive

Jasimuddin(1 January 1903 - 13 March 1976)

Jasimuddin (Bengali: জসিমুদ্দিন; full name Jasimuddin Mollah) was a Bengali poet, songwriter, prose writer, folklore collector and radio personality. He is commonly known in Bangladesh as Polli Kobi (The Rural Poet), for his faithful rendition of Bengali folklore in his works. Jasimuddin was also one of the pioneers of the progressive and non-communal cultural movement in East Pakistan.

 Early Life and Career

Jasimuddin was born in the village of Tambulkhana in Faridpur District in the house of his maternal uncle. His father, Ansaruddin Mollah, was a school-teacher. Jasimuddin received early education at Faridpur Welfare School. He matriculated from Faridpur Zilla School in 1921. Jasimuddin completed IA from Rajendra College in 1924.

He obtained his BA and MA degree in Bengali from the University of Calcutta in 1929 and 1931 respectively. From 1931 to 1937, Jasimuddin worked with Dinesh Chandra Sen as a collector of folk literature. Jasimuddin is one of the compilers of Purbo-Bongo Gitika (Ballads of East Bengal). He collected more than 10,000 folk songs, some of which has been included in his song compilations Jari Gaan and Murshida Gaan. He also wrote voluminously on the interpretation and philosophy of Bengali folklore.

Jasimuddin joined the University of Dhaka in 1938 as a Lecturer. He left the university in 1944 and joined the Department of Information and Broadcasting. He worked there until his retirement as Deputy Director in 1962.

Jasimuddin died on 13 March 1976 and was buried near his ancestral home at Gobindapur, Faridpur.

 Poetry

Jasimuddin started writing poems at an early age. As a college student, he wrote the celebrated poem Kabar (The Grave), a very simple tone to obtain family-religion and tragedy.

The poem was placed in the entrance Bengali textbook while he was still a student of Calcutta University.

Jasimuddin is noted for his depiction of rural life and nature from the viewpoint of rural people. This had earned him fame as Polli Kobi (the rural poet). The structure and content of his poetry bears a strong flavor of Bengal folklore. His Nokshi Kanthar Maath (Field of the Embroidered Quilt) is considered a masterpiece and has been translated into many different languages.

Jasimuddin also composed numerous songs in the tradition of rural Bengal. His collaboration with Abbas Uddin, the most popular folk singer of Bengal, produced some of the gems of Bengali folk music, especially of Bhatiali genre. Jasimuddin also wrote some modern songs for the radio. He was influenced by his neighbor, poet Golam Mostofa, to write Islamic songs too. Later, during the liberation war of Bangladesh, he wrote some patriotic songs. He is one of the best poets in Bangladesh.

 Major Honors and Awards

President's Award for Pride of Performance, Pakistan (1958)

DLitt. by Rabindra Bharati University, India (1969)

Ekushey Padak, Bangladesh (1976)

Independence Day Award, Bangladesh -posthumous (1978)

 Legacy

A fortnightly festival known as Jasim Mela is observed at Gobindapur each year in January commemorating the birthday of Jasimuddin.

A residential hall of the University of Dhaka bears his name.

A Lady With A Lamp

Jasimuddin

Agomoni

Jasimuddin

Aj Amar Mone To Na Mane Re

Jasimuddin

Alap

Jasimuddin

Amar Bondhu Binodiya Re

Jasimuddin

Amar Khodare Dekhiyachhi Ami

Jasimuddin

Amarbari

Jasimuddin

Anurodh

Jasimuddin

Are O Rongila Nayer Majhi

Jasimuddin

Asmani

Jasimuddin

Bamun Barir Meye

Jasimuddin

Banor Juth

Jasimuddin

Bashori Amar Haraye Giyase

Jasimuddin

Bastu Tyagi

Jasimuddin

Beder Besati

Jasimuddin

Beder Bohor

Jasimuddin

Biday

Jasimuddin

Bisorjon

Jasimuddin

Boideshi Bondhu

Jasimuddin

Boiragi R Boshtomi Jay

Jasimuddin

Bongo-Bondhu

Jasimuddin

Bosiroddi Machh Dhorite Jay

Jasimuddin

Bostir Meye

Jasimuddin

Choudhurider Roth

Jasimuddin

Damrai Roth

Jasimuddin

Desh

Jasimuddin

Dhankhet

Jasimuddin

Didarul Alom Shorone

Jasimuddin

Eto Hasi Kothay Pele

Jasimuddin

Football Khelowar

Jasimuddin

Ful Neya Valo Noy

Jasimuddin

Gitara Kothay Gelo

Jasimuddin

Golpoburo

Jasimuddin

Gouri Girir Meye

Jasimuddin

Helena

Jasimuddin

Holud Batichhe Meye

Jasimuddin

Jabo Ami Tomar Deshe

Jasimuddin

Jele Gange Machh Dorite Jay

Jasimuddin

Joler Konya

Jasimuddin

Kabor

Jasimuddin

Kal Se Asibe

Jasimuddin

Kal Se Asiyachhilo

Jasimuddin

Ke Jasre Rongila Majhi

Jasimuddin

Khandan

Jasimuddin

Khosmani

Jasimuddin

Khukir Sompotti

Jasimuddin

Kobita

Jasimuddin

Koishor Joubon Duhu Meli Gelo

Jasimuddin

Kolyani

Jasimuddin

Komola Ranir Dighi

Jasimuddin

Krishani Dui Meye

Jasimuddin

Ma O Khokon

Jasimuddin

Mamarbari

Jasimuddin

Mena Shekh

Jasimuddin

Musafir

Jasimuddin

Nimontron

Jasimuddin

Nir

Jasimuddin

Nishite Jayo Fulobone

Jasimuddin

Nodir Kul Nai - Kinar Nai Re

Jasimuddin

Nokshi Kathar Math - 01

Jasimuddin

Nokshi Kathar Math - 02

Jasimuddin

Nokshi Kathar Math - 03

Jasimuddin

Nokshi Kathar Math - 04

Jasimuddin

Nokshi Kathar Math - 05

Jasimuddin

Nokshi Kathar Math - 06

Jasimuddin

Nokshi Kathar Math - 07

Jasimuddin

Nokshi Kathar Math - 08

Jasimuddin

Nokshi Kathar Math - 09

Jasimuddin

Nokshi Kathar Math - 10

Jasimuddin

Nokshi Kathar Math - 11

Jasimuddin

Nokshi Kathar Math - 12

Jasimuddin

Nokshi Kathar Math - 13

Jasimuddin

Nokshi Kathar Math - 14

Jasimuddin

Nomuder Kalo Meye

Jasimuddin

O Amar Gohin Ganger Naya

Jasimuddin

O Babu Selam Bare Bar

Jasimuddin

O Bajan Chol Jay Chol

Jasimuddin

O Mohon Bashi

Jasimuddin

O Tor Nam Shuniya Re

Jasimuddin

O Tui Jare Aghat Hanlire Mone

Jasimuddin

Paler Nao

Jasimuddin

Polatoka

Jasimuddin

Polayon

Jasimuddin

Polli - Borsha

Jasimuddin

Protidan

Jasimuddin

Puran Pukur

Jasimuddin

Purbborag

Jasimuddin

Purnima

Jasimuddin

Putul

Jasimuddin

R Ekdin Asio Bondhu

Jasimuddin

Rakhal Chhele

Jasimuddin

Rakhalel Rajgi

Jasimuddin

Rakhali

Jasimuddin

Rater Pori

Jasimuddin

Rojoni Gondhar Biday

Jasimuddin

Rup

Jasimuddin

Rupai

Jasimuddin

Sakina

Jasimuddin

Sarthok Rojoni

Jasimuddin

Sibon-Rota

Jasimuddin

Sindurer Besati

Jasimuddin

Sobarsukhe

Jasimuddin

Sonar Boroni Konya

Jasimuddin

Sukher Basor

Jasimuddin

Tarabi

Jasimuddin

Torun Kishor

Jasimuddin

Ujan Ganger Naiya

Jasimuddin

Upohar

Jasimuddin

Uranir Char

Jasimuddin