

Bulleh Shah Poems

Poem 1 :- Hé who is Stricken by love

In this poem, he says that when somebody falls deeply in love, he forgets about himself. He forgets his reputation. He only cares about his beloved.

He sings and dances without concerning what kind of music is playing. He dances for his beloved without concerning what other people will think about him. His purpose is to dance, no matter what kind of music is playing behind him. He has no concern with the beat and sound. He is so happy and drunk in love that he is least concerned with the music being played.

The poet uses the word "drunk" which directs to a drunken person. A person who doesn't care about anyone. One who does what he wants is the same as a person who is extremely in love with his beloved who sings and dances without any tune.

He says that for such people love becomes the most important part of life. As clothes are important to wear, similarly love is important for the human body to live. Love is food. People make their dresses love. For them God is love. They get blessings from him because God likes to be loved and he loves those who are in love.

He says, if you have decided to take action for your beloved then no if and but remains. These questions do not matter.

Then the poet gives an expression of God's love in the poem instead of worldly love. He says, if you are in love with Allah then you do not need anything else. You do not have to follow the rules of the world. His wish is to enjoy the joy of love that his beloved gives him. He is least concerned with the world around him. He has written three times in the poem he "sings and dances out of tune" as he was seriously affected by drums and beats.

Poem 2 :- Not a Believer inside the Mosque

In this poem, Bulleh Shah says that he does not know who he is. What is his reality? Is he real or not? As the body is nothing without a soul and the soul of a person matters a lot.

Before birth, the body does not exist but the soul exists somewhere in heaven. After the birth. The soul does not know what is his religion or culture and how many religions or values exist in the world so he says,

He is not a Believer who recites a prayer in a mosque nor is he some bad person. He cannot say confidently who he is. He has tried many times to know about his existence but he was not able to know his secrets.

After thinking deeply, he says, he has searched himself in many places like fire or water and also in many Holy books but he is not in fire or water. He is nowhere. He could not find himself. He has read Holy books. Also, he drank cannabis and wine, even all intoxicated things to get peace but he couldn't. He is confused and disturbed because he doesn't know who he is. He says one cannot find relief or peace until or unless one finds himself.

He says he has done so many sins in life but he is not impure or filthy. He is in search of

himself about his existence. He is unable to solve the secrets of religion. His movements are not in his control. He does not know how he is moving. He does not have any authority related to him. He even did not choose his name. He has tried a lot to find who he is but he is unable to find his reality.

Poem 3 :- This Love - O Bulleh Tormenting and Unique

In this poem, he is talking about his beloved and his passion for love. He talks about his bravery and courage. He then compares his bravery with many other brave people in history. He describes the characteristics of a beloved and how much he loves his beloved and that he is ready to do anything to make his beloved happy and to smile on his face.

In the poem, He says, love is heartbreaking and tormenting uniquely. Love is not an easy path. It is full of hurdles and thorns but a person who is in love has to bear all the things. Love has no choice. A person who loves **does not care about** anything, about people, or their opinion. Nothing matters **to them**. The thing that only matters **the most** is their beloved. Once you fall in love you **have** to face these things wholeheartedly and happily. Then the poet says the face of his beloved is similar to the God and Goddesses **of heaven**. There is no spirituality without **his beloved** because worldly love is the first step to reaching Godly love. Then he says, his beloved is so fearless that you can compare his/her bravery written in Holy books. His beloved **accepts death fearlessly** without showing any resistance. When he reads many incidents of bravery in Holy books then he realizes that **his beloved** is more fearless than those people.

In the last two lines, he says, he dances like a street prostitute, **who** sells his body for sake of money, to win the single **smile** of his beloved. He can do anything to please his beloved. He is so passionate about love **that** he does not care what other people will think of him dancing madly. He was only concerned **with his beloved and his smile**.