

Bulleh! to me, I am not known

by Bulleh Shah

Not a believer inside the mosque, am I

Nor a pagan disciple of false rites

Not the pure amongst the impure

Neither Moses, nor the Pharaoh

Bulleh! to me, I am not known

Not in the holy Vedas, am I

Nor in opium, neither in wine

Not in the drunkard's intoxicated craze

Neither awake, nor in a sleeping daze

Bulleh! to me, I am not known

In happiness nor in sorrow, am I

Neither clean, nor a filthy mire

Not from water, nor from earth

Neither fire, nor from air, is my birth

Bulleh! to me, I am not known

Not an Arab, nor Lahori

Neither Hindi, nor Nagauri

Hindu, Turk, nor Peshawari

Nor do I live in Nadaun

Bulleh! to me, I am not known

Secrets of religion, I have not known

From Adam and Eve, I am not born

*I am not the name I assume
Not in stillness, nor on the move
Bulleh! to me, I am not known*

*I am the first, I am the last
None other, have I ever known
I am the wisest of them all
Bulleh! do I stand alone?
Bulleh! to me, I am not known*

