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Julian Cruz Balmaceda(28 January 1885–18 September 1946)

Julian Cruz Balmaceda (sometimes spelled as Balmaseda) was a Filipino poet, essayist, playwright, novelist, journalist and linguist. He made several works written in Tagalog, English and Spanish languages.

 Early Life

Balmaceda was born on Orion, Bataan, Philippines. He attended Colegio de San Juan de Letran for college. Two years later, he finished law on Escuela de Derecho (School of Law) under the same college. When he was fourteen, his first written play entitled Sugat ng Puso (Broken Heart). His major play, Ang Piso ni Anita (Anita's One Peso Coin) won first place in a play writing contest sponsored by the Bureau of Posts. The play is all about thriftiness and was composed of three stages.

Ang Magsasaka

Sa maghaponing singkad ikaw'y nasa-linang
Sulong mo'y ararong batak ng kalabaw.
Di mo pinapansin ang lamig at ginaw,
Ang basal ng lupa'y mabungkal mo lamang.

Iyong isinabog ang binhi sa lupa
Na ikalulunas ng iyong dalita;
Tag-ani'y dumating sa dili-kawasa
Lahat ng hirap mo'y nabihis ng tuwa.

Anupa't ang bawat butil
Ng bigas na naging kanin
Sa isip at diwa nami'y
May aral na itinanim.

Iya'y tunay na larawan
Ng lahat mong kapaguran
Bawat butil na masayang
Ay pintig ng iyong buhay.

Kaya nga't sa aming puso't dilidili,
Nakintal ang isang ginintuang sabi;
Sa lahat at bawat bayaning lalaki
Ikaw, magsasaka, ang lalong bayani.

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Kung Mamili Ang Dalaga

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