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Majaz Lucknawi
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Majaz Lucknawi(1911 – 5 December 1955)

Majaz Lakhnawi (Urdu: مجاز لکھنوی, Hindi: मजरा लखनौ), full name Asrar ul Haq Majaz, was an Indian Urdu poet. He was known for his romantic and revolutionary poetry. He composed ghazals and nazms in Urdu.

 Early Life

Majaz was born in Rudauli, Bara Banki, UP, India. He received his early education in Lucknow and Agra, and did his B.A. at Aligarh Muslim University. He considered Fani Badayuni as his 'ustad'.

He hails from a family of poets and litterateurs. Muztar Khairabadi, one of the great masters of Urdu poetry, was among his has a sister Safiya, who married to Jan Nisar Akhtar, father of Javed Akhtar.

 Career

Majaz started writing poems while in Aligarh and soon became a popular among the masses and well respected among the literati. He became one of the front-ranking poets of the taraqqi pasand tahreek or Progressive Writers' Movement.

He is also well-known for composing the anthem, tarana, for Aligarh Muslim University, 'Ye meraa chaman, hai mera chaman, Main apne chaman ka bulbul huun.' "Aahang" and "Saaz-e-Nau" are two of his poetry compilations.

Majaz was madly in love with a woman. She married another man which he could not come to terms with. His poetry was greatly influenced by her and he remained unmarried all his life.

 In Ranchi

After liberation of India, condition deteriorated and with the help of Josh Malihabadi Majaz was sent to the mental hospital of Raanchi. There he met kazi Nazrul Islam and recognized the poet. It is reported that he told the poet, "Why are you silent Nazrul, Lets go to Lahore/Dhaka, though they are in foreign country, there are asylums!"

 Death

Majaz, a heavy drinker, died alone in a tavern located in the Beldari Lane of

Lalbagh, on the cold winter night of 5 December 1955 in the heart of the city of Lucknow.

** Major Works **

Shab-e-taab

Aahang

Saaz-e-Nau

One of his famous poems Ae Gham-e-Dil Kia Karoon, Ae Wahshat-e-Dil Kia Karoon was sung by singer Talat Mehmood for a film. This was one of the very early attempts to bring literary poems to film industry.

** Honours **

An evening was dedicated to Majaz Luckhnawi on 24 October 2011 just after his 100th birth anniversary by a organisation called Let's Unite for Culture Knowledge Nationalism and Objective welfare Society in Lucknow, the event was named after Majaz's one of the famous creations called "Subh-e-Nau", completion of 100 years were celebrated on a grand scale by the society which is run by the youth dedicated to work for their city Lucknow. Several Urdu literate's discussed about the legacy of Asrar-ul-Haq (Majaz) by reciting his most famous creations.

Kuchh Tujhko Hai Khabar Ham Kya

Majaz Lucknawi

Tumko Bhii Bhula Sakta Huun Main...

Majaz Lucknawi

Usne Jab Kahaa Mujhse Geet Ek Sunaa Do Naa...

Majaz Lucknawi

Vo Nau-Khez Nuura, Vo Ek Bint-E-Maryam

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