

Classic Poetry Series

Hafez Ibrahim

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Hafez Ibrahim(1872–1932)

Hafez Ibrahim (1872–1932) was an Egyptian poet, called , means the Poet of the Nile. He was one of several poets that revived Arabic poetry during the latter half of the 19th century. While still using the classical Arabic system of meter and rhyme, these poets wrote to express new ideas and feelings unknown to the classical poets. Hafez is noted for writing poems on political and social commentary.

All The People Stood

All the people stood watching how I build the bases of joy on my own
And the pyramid builders at the beginning of time made me speechless during
competition
I'm pride's crown on the middle east's head and its achievements are the jewels
on my necklace
My pride in the beginning of time is huge Who has like my pride and joy?
If I die one day you will never see the middle east raising its head again
I'm free and I have broken my chains in regards to the enemy and I've cut my
slavery
Did you see me when I broke my life and still didn't reach my peak yet?
Is it fair that they free their lions while my own lion is still slaved ?
God looked at me and demanded my sons ,so they pulled towards joy in such a
powerful way
I promised joy with the best of my men So, Please finish my promise today
And raise my country on knowledge and good conduct Because knowledge alone
isn't powerful
We bypass a situation in which all the beliefs are contradicting And the
contradiction of beliefs is harmful
Therefore, Stand strong and powerful and be prepared !

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