

Bishnuprasad Rabha's Poem

Does the rhythm of my verse

Does the rhythm of my verse
cause in your heart a stirring?
Does the fragrance of verbal wreaths
awake you from fond dreaming?

In rhythm the stars dance
in delight pervading the world?
So buoyant in that delight
does your heart go dancing?

My mind-flute plays the tune
surging through every vein?
Calmed by that cool tune
will you get your heart soothing?

Flowers blossom in sway
fragrance hangs all over.
Thrilled by that very sway
does your heart go dancing?

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Bishnu Prasad Rabha (1909-1969) was a renowned artist and political activist of Assam. As a lyricist and composer he has made valuable contributions to the field Assamese music.

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