

# Navakanta Barua's Poem

**Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi**

Athirst with the dream of a paradise  
An able poet,  
Would you lend an ear  
To the entreaties of acrid tongues?  
Would you come once again  
To make this utterance:  
You had come just once and left forever  
Never ever to return!

Erecting pleasure-parks at Rajghat  
At Barrackpore  
We're keeping alive  
Your death!

*Translated by Krishna Dulal Barua*

**Navakanta Barua** (b.1926-d.2002) was a noted Assamese poet, novelist and translator.

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