

## TWO POEMS BY AJU MUKHOPADHYAY

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### Buddha Purnima

Some are famous for serving the sick and the destitute  
by their own hand with sympathy and rectitude  
but many an unknown person also serves them  
with the same or more sympathetic attitude  
some are prone to do it by their nature;  
philanthropy is not the only thing to consider.

But the karuna and benevolence emanating  
from a being like Buddha in peace  
spread throughout the globe  
touching all living beings  
like the light blue rays of the full moon

carrying love and peace; desireless boon,  
embrace all hearts like true arhat.

More the time pass by more his influence  
reach the tumultuous humanity's confluence.

Buddha's benevolent debonair face  
shines in deep blue sky  
as on Buddha Purnima;  
above all religions how he touches our soul  
is not an enigma.

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### Fragrance

Familiar fragrance from the romantic heart of spring  
wafting in the air gives us joyous stirring.

Summer has its wooing smell too  
emanating from the burnt leaves and ripe fruits.

Wonderful smell comes out of the thirsty earth;

rain's first love; sky touch  
rains create innumerable spells in our life  
stimulating our olfactory sense  
endearing us with a difference.  
And the colourful winter with rosy fragrance  
greet us to compensate its chilly embrace.

When a deep fragrance exuberant  
comes floating from an unknown source  
flooding our psychic being,  
a situation the musk deer face,  
it is an extraordinary event;  
showering Divine love and grace.

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