

Poem : Another view of Grace

Poet :- A. K. Rameshram

" When she left me  
after lunch, I read  
for a while

But I suddenly wanted "

A. K. Rameshram

- Born in Mysore in the year 1929
- A. Poet, translator, Philologist and Scholar.
- He is an Indo- Anglian Poet.
- His poems acquire completeness and sharpness, expression, intensity of tone, Vocabulary and originality of Imagery.
- He died in 1993

Awards :-

(1) Padma Shri - 1976

(2) Sahitya Akademi Award - 1999

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## His works :-

- (1) The River
- (2) The Striders - 1960
- (3) Relations - 1971
- (4) Another view of Grace

## \* About the Poem :-

### Introduction :-

'Another view of Grace' is an excellent lyric taken from the Poets Second Anthology of Verse entitled Relations Poem in 1972 deals with Romanyam's love for women abroad.

But the poet is conscious for his moral duties. The poet does not appreciate the western way of making love. He writes in the beginning of the Poem

### \* Critical appreciation :-

" I burned and burned  
But one day I turned and caught



that thought by the scream of her hair  
and said: Beware

Do not follow a gentleman's model  
with that absurd determined air!

In the following lines The  
Poet burned with his desire, and  
he addressed his feeling in eloquent  
words. He gains control over the  
passion that torments him. The speaker  
appeals to the passion not to follow and  
tempted the soul within.

" Find the priest. Find my beast  
in the wind

For a husband. He will give you

housful legitimate of soul

It is too late. For sin. Even for treason.

And I have no reason

to know your kind.

The poet, ironically, suggest her  
to find her way in western world.

Indian way of life and the western  
way of life are different each other.

The poet advises her to get the  
advise of the priest <sup>who</sup> find a man  
belonging to her own culture. The



Poet is not ready to surrender himself  
before the western mind. The poet  
writes

"Bread Bachmin among singers of  
Shivring hymns,

I shudder to the bones at humgers  
that roam the streets

Beyond the constable beat,

But there she stood.

His Bachmin Back-ground makes  
him shudder at all lustful temptation.

Shivring hymns refers to the mantras  
and devotion song which are recited to  
invoke god. The temptation of the sinful  
acts going on in the dark beyond the  
purview of the policeman on night duty.

But there she stood

upon that dusty road

on a nightlit april mind

and gave me a look

commandments crumbled in my father's

past  
Her tumbled hair suddenly

The concentrated



The following lines described Poet's emotion and passion to enjoy with his beloved. The Poet always wants to break his cultural rules but his inner-self always denied to do so. The Poet beautifully described his personal joy and conflict with the projection of suitable images. The Poet also narrates the passionate nature of his beloved. When Poet meets on the dusty road, his traditional moral crumbled.

Conclusion:-

In this way A. K. Ramamujam show his inclination towards Indian culture and tradition. The high moral of Indian culture sublimates the feeling of the poet.