

## **Famous Personalities in Urdu Poetry and Prose**

These poets infused Urdu expressions and words seamlessly into lyrics, *ghazals* and *shayaris*, making them not only easier to understand, but also enabling us to slowly fall in everlasting love with the language.

So here is a list of poets of different eras, who have been a major reason why we fell in love with the language in the first place.

### **1. Mirza Ghalib**

**Mirza Ghalib Poetry** - Mirza Ghalib is regarded as a renowned poet of not just Urdu but also the Persian language. The reason is that he did the great contribution for both languages. His poems and prose are vastly quoted in literature festivals and events. His personality was so intense as several movies are also written on his character. As a member of falling Mughal Empire and old landed aristocracy, he not worked for Mughal emperors. He had himself remarked during his lifetime that he would be recognized by later generations.

### **2. Faiz Ahmad Faiz**

Faiz Ahmad Faiz and his work truly touches the human heart. He evokes emotions because his poetry is rarely without an accompanying haunting quality of pain. If there is someone who understands loss of love, it has to be Faiz *saab*.

### **3. Gulzar**

The extent of Gulzar's excellence as a poet, lyricist and writer can never be mapped. Gulzar adapted his writing with the changing times, but the capability to evoke human emotions was and will always be the cornerstone of all his works. Picking a single song to represent him is impossible, but this work comes pretty close.

### **4. Sahil Ludhianvi**

Popularly known as Sahir, Sahil Ludhianvi was an amazing Urdu poet, who also penned some classic songs for Bollywood. His work is still remembered, and oft recited, by budding poets and admirers alike.

### **5. Parveen Shakir**

Sadly there have not been many women Urdu poets who've achieved the same level of fame as their male contemporaries, but Parveen Shakir and her work definitely stands out. There are few poets who've managed to equally excel in free verse and technical *ghazal* style, and Parveen Shakir is definitely one of them.



## 6. Ahmad Faraz

Faraz's works gained immense popularity, to the point that he was considered to be second only to Faiz Ahmed Faiz. The reason is simple - his works express the anguish, joy and simplicity of love in a way few other poets have been able to.

## 7. Mir Taqi Mir

Mir is the 18th century poet who is often credited with giving shape and structure to Urdu language itself. Often remembered as the 'God of Poetry', he was a pioneer of the Urdu poetry form of *ghazal*. Urdu poetry is incomplete without the name of Mir Taqi Mir and his contribution is widely acknowledged for not just the Urdu poetry but for the whole Urdu language. Mir Taqi Mir's philosophy was developed primarily due to his father, who has a large following. His father's focus on the significance of love and value of compassion seems much visible in the poetry of Mir Taqi Mir and also his life.

Read the latest and best collection of **Meer Taqi Meer Shayari** in Urdu and English as Mir Taqi Mir famous poets, song writer in Pakistan and around the world. The immense fame gaining, Khuda-e-sukhun and the matchless Urdu poet of 18th century, Mir Taqi was also the pioneer of Urdu Ghazal in Mughal era. **Mir Taqi Mir Ghazals** are best remembered and cherished all around the world. His complete works, Kuliyaat, consist of six Divans which contain 13,585 couplets. He composed poetry in Urdu, Farsi (Persian) and Arabic Language. Complete work collection of Meer is constantly being updated, added and reviewed on this page. If you are a Meer fan, let our added collection mesmerize you with Meer Taqi Meer's impeccable, challenging and provoking Shayari. Mir Taqi Mir was not always the defeated in love poet but when he spoke, even the beloved would freeze. Society, Culture and Religion; Mir Taqi Mir wrote on all of these subjects only to rebel them. His satire over the subjects is challenging and remarkable.

## 8. Aqbar Allahabadi

Akbar Allahabadi managed to convey satire through his Urdu verses, and that's where his true excellence lies. Thus, his verses expressing love stand apart from the rest of his contemporaries,

## 9. Kaifi Azmi

Fondly remembered as the Urdu poet who brought Urdu literature to Indian motion pictures, Kaifi Azmi managed to carve a name for himself at the time when Indian cinema saw some of the finest lyricists, like Ludhianvi and Sultanpuri.

## **10. Ibn-e-Insha**

Admirers of Insha have often regarded his works as reminiscent of Amir Khusro, and yet his poetry has influenced a lot of young poets. He had a humorous take on life, that reflects in his work as well. **Ameer Khusro Poetry** - Ameer Khusro was an iconic figure in the cultural history of the Indian subcontinent. He was born in 1253 A.D. in Patiyala, India. Amir Khusro was educated in theology, Persian and the Quran.

## **11. Abul Kalam Azad Poetry in Urdu**

**Abul Kalam Azad Poetry** - Abul Kalam Muhiyuddin Ahmed Azad aka Abul Kalam Azad was a political leader, social activist, scholar, writer and poet of Indian Independence Movement. Maulana Azad is regarded as one of the greatest writer of 20th century. He used 'Azad' as his pen name and did all of his poetry using this name. The initially drafted poem of Abul Kalam Azad titled "Armaghan-e-Farakh" was published in Bombay magazine. He is the author of various books including Ghubar-e-Khatir, India Wins Freedom, Tazkirah, Tarjumanul Quran, to name a few. The most significant work of Abul Kalam Azad is the narration of Ghubar-e- Khatir which comprise of only 24 letters and addressed to Maulana Habibur Rahman Khan Sherwani. His contribution to Urdu poetry is remarkable. Maulana Azad is regarded as one of the founders of Jamia Millia Islamia.

## **12. Ahmad Nadeem Qasmi Poetry in Urdu**

**Ahmad Nadeem Qasmi Poetry** – Whenever, we talk about the Urdu poetry of late twentieth century, then the name of Ahmed Nadeem Qasmi will surely come. However, he was not the poet but also the short story author, journalist, literary critic, and Pakistani poet. He wrote books on different topics and in different genres.

Ahmad Nadeem Qasmi edited different literary journals, including Tehzeeb-i-Niswaan, Savera, Phool, Adab-i-Lateef, Funoon, and Naqoosh. He also worked as the editor of Imroze. Ahmad Nadeem Qasmi also contributed for different weekly columns and national newspapers such as Daily Jang and Rawan Dawan for a long time period. His poetry included modern nazms and traditional gahazals.

## **13. Allama Iqbal Poetry in Urdu**

**Allama Iqbal Poetry** – Poet of the East, Allama Iqbal needs no introduction. He is the most celebrated poet, philosopher, barrister and scholar of all times. Allama Iqbal received the title of "Sir" from King George V in 1922. Apart from being the poet of the East, Allama Iqbal also

enjoys the status of “Musawir e Pakistan”, “Hakeem-ul-Ummat” and “Mufakir e Pakistan”. He became the national poet of Pakistan after independence. His popular creation “Sare Jahan se Acha” became the national song of India. The birth anniversary of Allama Iqbal is celebrated as the national holiday in Pakistan.

Regarded as the spiritual father of Pakistan, Allama Iqbal possess prominent place in the Urdu poetry and literature. Allama Iqbal poetry collections reveal his wisdom and intellectualism that had motivated the Muslims of India for struggle of freedom. **Allama Iqbal shayari** has been narrated in Urdu and Persian languages. Allama Iqbal Shayari in Urdu has been highly motivating and interesting for the readers in Indo-Pak. Allama Iqbal poems in Urdu is highly inspiring that ignited the love of freedom among Muslims of India. He was the first person who invoked the philosophy of Pakistan in front of sub-continent Muslims through its Urdu poetry. His first poetry book, Asrar-e-Khudi, appeared in the Persian language in 1915, and other books of poetry include Rumuz-i-Bekhudi, Payam-i-Mashriq and Zabur-i-Ajam. Amongst these his best known Urdu works are Bang-i-Dara, Bal-i-Jibril, Zarb-i Kalim and a part of Armughan-e-Hijaz. **Allama Iqbal Ghazal** collection include Har Ek Maqaam Se Aage Guzar Gaya Maah e Nau, Har Shai Musaafir Har Cheez Raahi, and Sitaaron Se Aage Jahaan Aur Bhi Hain to name a few.

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#### **14. Altaf Hussain Hali Poetry in Urdu**

**Altaf Hussain Hali Poetry** – Among some greatest poets of Urdu literature and Urdu poetry, the name of Altaf Hussain Hali is remarkable. Hali got the education of Persian and Arabic grammar along with elementary logic at India. In 1856, he got clerical post at Hisar. After Independence War in 1856, he lost the job and remained unemployed for 4 years. In that time period, he study traditions, logic, Islamic history, philosophy, and literature in Arabic language. During the tenure, he started composing poetry under the Mirza Ghalib’s guidance. However, he was highly influenced by Nawab Mustafa khan Shaifta.

Altaf Hussain Hali poetry has an influence of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan because he had been in among his students. He did not set any particular subject or topic for his poetry or writing. He

wrote for many subjects like patriotism, biography, Sufism and criticism. As a poet, Altaf Hussain Hali ghazals portray all the important aspects such as the love of Allah, love of Prophet SAW, humor, social romance and other important subjects. He was a great writer and poet of his times. The British awarded him with the title “Shams-ul-Ulema” which means the sun of scholars. It was a great achievement of Altaf Hussain Hali.

### **15. Amjad Islam Amjad Poetry in Urdu**

**Amjad Islam Amjad Poetry** – Amjad Islam Amjad birthplace is Lahore, Punjab. Some people do not need introduction as their name is itself a description of their work recognition. Amjad Islam Amjad is one of those lucky people. He is a famous and well-recognized Pakistani Poet and Drama Writer, who has been received several awards and recognition such as Pride of Performance and Sitara-e-Imtiaz in the appreciation of his work in the field of Dramatic and Poetic work for Television. **Amjad Islam Amjad Poetry** is a creative canvas, which is not limited to the subject of love for people or sophisticated beauty, but also explores love for God, humanity and natural phenomena.

### **16. Bahadur Shah Zafar Poetry in Urdu**

**Bahadur Shah Zafar Poetry** – There is almost no person in South Asia who is unaware of the name of Bahadur Shah Zafar. He was not just a poet but was also the last Mughal Emperor. He ruled on Indian subcontinent for 20 years and spent the last years of his life in exile at Rangoon (Currently Myanmar). Bahadur Shah Zafar’s poetry depicts the influence of pain on human. Pain brought by deception, loss and fate and though, his writings are full of rage, complains and sorrow yet there is a sukoot, stillness in his words. If you pick up Bahadur Shah Zafar’s ghazal, the world will run ahead, leaving you amid stillness and deep inside the heart shall bloom in sorrow. Strange it is how unpredictable and fast his life changed yet his poetry from the very beginning treasured the heart of sorrow and longing. Bahadur Shah Zafar’s Shayari encompasses around love and longing for beloved, too. He also wrote on subject of fragile realities of human and earth. Even expression of his naive thoughts which were then, matured in pain is present in the Bahadur Shah Zafar’s Qalam.

### **17. Bulleh Shah Poetry in Urdu**

**Bulleh Shah Poetry** – A pure legend in Sufism, Baba Bulleh Shah is a famous Punjabi Language poet. Full name of Bulleh Shah was Syed Abdullah Shah Qadri. He was a Punjabi Sufi poet, humanist and philosopher. He practiced and improved the Sufi tradition of Punjabi poetry

that considers one of the greatest Punjabi verses of all time. His style of writing poetry is famous as “Kafi”. He wrote a large content of work includes Athwara, Baramah, Shiarfi, Oodh, Gandhan and Kafi. Bulleh Shah Poetry describes the meaning of life and expressed the search of GOD in a very beautiful manner. Bulleh Shah Poetry strikes the reader is his bold and arrogant critique on the several topic related to society views. **Bulleh Shah shayari** preaches a simple concept of humanity, faith, thoughts and creed by which any individual can achieve a higher and more pure existence.

#### **18. Hafeez Jalandhari Poetry in Urdu**

**Hafeez Jalandhri** was a famous Pakistani Urdu language poet. He gained popularity all over the world due to National anthem of Pakistan. He is the one who wrote the lyrics of Pakistan’s national anthem. He born in 1900 and died in 1982. He has gained several awards for his literary and patriotic services to Pakistan. He had earned Hilal-e-Imtiaz and Pride of Performance by Government of Pakistan. His Urdu poetry work is consisted of several themes. Find the **Hafeez Jalandhri** Images and pictures on HamariWeb.com. You can share the photos of Hafeez Jalandhri with your Friends and Family. This image can be search by Hafeez Jalandhri pics.

#### **19. Khwaja Mir Dard Poetry in Urdu**

**Khwaja Mir Dard Poetry** – Whenever we talk about the sufi kalam or poetry, the name of some poets come into our mind and Khwaja Mir Dard has a key significance among them. He is highly acknowledged for his deep knowledge regarding Sufism and different genres of Urdu poetry. Khwaja Mir Dard is the famous poet and song writer in Pakistan and around the world. The king of Classic Urdu Ghazals Khawaja Mir Dard did his best to promote Urdu poetry in the era of 18th century. He is recognized as one of the pillar of classical Urdu poetry. Khwaja Mir Dard is the poet of 18th century. His best couplets can be read at both the secular and spiritual levels, and are, for this reason, acceptable to all and sundry. Read the latest and best collection of Khwaja Mir Dard shayari in Urdu and Khwaja Mir Dard Poetry in English.

#### **20. Sultan Bahoo Poetry in Urdu**

**Sultan Bahoo Poetry** – Sultan Bahoo, the unconventional mystic Sufi beyond thought confinements was a poet who wrote on matters which deliberately explained the truth in a rare and raw form. Unlike other Sufi orders, the Sarwari Qadiri tradition which the Sultan Bahu followed did not prescribe a specific dress code, ascetic practices, breathing exercises, but

instead it focused on practicing mental exercises and the most concerned one for him was visualizing the word (Allah) as written on heart itself.

## **21. Daagh Dehlvi Poetry in Urdu**

**Daagh Dehlvi Poetry** - Daagh Dehlvi is an Indian National Urdu poet, Daagh is his pen name. Daagh wrote romantic poems and ghazals with a little touch of Persian language. His simple way of writing was admired and impressed people from all walks of life. Read the latest and best collection of Daagh Dehlvi shayari in urdu and english as Daagh Dehlvi famous poets, song writer in Pakistan and around the world. Nawab Mirza Khan was born in 1831 & died on 1905, He normally known as Daagh Dehlvi. He was a marvelous Mughal poet well-known for his Urdu ghazals and belonged to the Delhi school of Urdu poetry. He wrote poems and ghazals under the takhallus Daagh Dehlvi.