

Quadrant II – Transcript and Related Materials

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TRANSCRIPT:

SUMMARY OF THE VIDEO: The video is an introduction to the poetry of North-East India. It begins by providing a context for Manipuri poetry. After that, a few poems of Robin S. Ngangom are presented for diversity. A brief overview of Ngangom's life and influences is offered before analyzing his poem, 'A Poem for Mother.' The video ends by summing up the themes in the poem.

GLOSSARY

Palem Apokpi: reference to 'mother' in Meitei language

voracious: big

larder: place where things to eat are kept

dreamy-eyed: not practical

Time: the usage of time

deserted: left without taking care of others

toil: work hard

liberated: making unconventional decisions

blossom: spread

furrowed: wrinkled

ritual: sacred routine

dusk: evening; before nightfall

culinary: cooking

remnant: remaining

small life: ordinary life

CLARIFICATION

North-East India is sometimes referred to as comprising seven states and sometimes eight. The eight state is Sikkim. Sikkim is not usually considered along with the seven other North-East states as it is separated from them physically.

SIMILAR THEMES

'The First Rain' by Robin S. Ngangom

'When You Do Not Return,' by Robin S. Ngangom