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## **Rosalind I Am**

**Mrinal Kanti Ghosh**

Yes, my lord, Rosalind I am,  
Civilized, enlightened, educated and democratic,  
And Celia loves me...a love historic.  
With each other we have been sharing  
Hearts, thoughts, gossips, bed, under-wears, socks, hair-bands...  
Everything...  
She always wants to have my hands,  
So close she is to me, for her I sing.

But exiled I was,  
Put on the periphery, or rather, beyond the margin.  
Very few there are like us!  
Celia wanted to accompany me.  
I resisted,  
She insisted,  
So selfless is her love!  
So different is our love!  
We wanted to live together,  
And nothing else.

We don't want the king's gold,  
We don't want the kingdom,  
Nor power as yours or the king's,  
But a little freedom to love and live  
With a kindred spirit.

But, my lord, now we are chained,  
In our way of living is suspected illegality.  
For the sake of future, you really can't stand  
Us fouling Civilization, tradition and society,  
Shaking the status quo of this...this la-la land!

I have never questioned you before, not even  
When our ruler drove my father out of this nation.  
Now I have a finger raised  
Right between your eyes-  
Is it convenient for your citizens to suffer  
From loneliness, friendlessness and lifelessness  
Till they find one Orlando in some far off forest?  
Will you decide for me who I am to live with?  
Who I'll be most happy with?