

STUDY MATERIAL

'The Bangle Sellers' is a poem composed by Sarojini Naidu one of the renowned Indian poets who wrote in English. Though her works are often much criticised by modern poets and critics yet their patriotic appeal can never be undermined. Her poetry is marked by Indian sensibility, Indian themes and subjects and is usually lyrical by structure.

She was actively involved in freedom struggle and most of her poems therefore celebrate the glorious culture and heritage of India. Through her verses she tried to instil a sense of pride and honour among the Indian citizens. The Bangle Sellers is one of her well known poems which is included in her collection of poems called The Bird of Time.

The poem focuses our attention on the social, religious and symbolic value of bangles in Indian culture. The wearing of bangles is suggestive of happiness, peace and prosperity. The poem is divided into four stanzas of six lines each and carries a typical Indian scene and sensibility throughout. Written in lyric form the poem is remarkable for its verbal melody, random use of literary devices like similes and metaphors and very effective colourful imagery.