

## **Ballad of Victory**

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Bangla is my mom's idiom, my mother's country  
Bangla is my father's mystic mingling, his strolling free.  
In the silt and water and currents of her numerous rivers  
Free people of this free land voyage by boats as sailors.  
Father of the Nation Sheikh is the charismatic boatman here,  
O the sons and daughters of the Nation, keep vigil with care.

The final call came on March Seven, 1971, from Mujibor,  
And the victory crowned us all exactly on 16 December.  
Since that day all homes of brave Bengalees are liberated,  
In a free land everyone is free, none as another is treated.  
We are prepared for this victory for centuries together,  
For time eternal the glow of this victory shall glitter.

Marking his birth centenary, the free father of the free land  
Mujib is blessed with multiplying births without any end.  
His forefinger is the scepter of justice, freedom of winners,  
Humans are born-free, the essence of all mundane creatures.  
Nationality, Democracy, Equality, Individuality, Nation,  
Fraternity and Justice are protected in our Constitution.

Mother Bengal gave us all her milk and gifts affectionate,  
Human-birds are all flying on their mind's wings enchanted.  
The years shall pass, and the decades, and the countless centuries,  
People of Bengal shall live happily with their parents, without worries.  
In a free universe Bengal is free, victory shall continue here as well,  
Bengalees are now world-people, daring and fearless they do dwell  
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