## A SYMPHONY OF JOY: CELEBRATING EID IN INDIA

Composed by Nehal Kapoor X-G

THE STREETS SHINE WITH THE SHIMMERING LIGHTS, IT'S A TIME TO REJOICE, THE SMILES SHINE BRIGHT OF THE CHILDREN WHEN THEY GET THEIR FAVOURITE TOYS, THIS IS NOT JUST AND ORDINARY FESTIVAL. BUT A RAVISHING EXPERIENCE WHICH IS NEVER FORGETFUL THE EID CELEBRATION IN INDIA, ARE FILLED WITH THE SENSE OF EUPHORIA, THE VIBRANT JOYOUS AFFAIR, FILLED WITH COLORS AND MUSIC, TO THE DELICIOUS FOOD AND THE PRETTIEST OF THE CLOTHES MADE OF SILK, EID IS NOT JUST THAT, BUT SO MUCH MORE, IT'S THE FESTIVAL EVERYONE WAITS FOR. THE FESTIVE SPIRIT, THE EXCHANGE OF GIFTS, THE AROMA OF THE MOUTH WATERING FOODS, AND THERE'S SO MUCH MORE TO IT, THE PRAYERS OFFERED AT THE MOSQUES, THE BLUE MOONLIGHT IN WHICH EVERY SOUL SPARKS, A SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD AND UNITY, WHICH COMPLIMENTS THE ATMOSPHERE EVEN MORE BEAUTIFULLY, "EID MUBARAK" EVERYONE WISHES EACH OTHER, THE AIR IS FILLED WITH ENJOYMENT AND LAUGHTER, BUT EVERY EID'S INCOMPLETE, WITHOUT KHEER AND SEVIYAN'S TASTY TREAT. AND "EIDI" THE MONEY GIVEN WITH BLESSINGS AND LOVE, THIS EXPERIENCE AND FEELING IS ONE OF THE ONES. EVERYONE RECALLS THIS DAY, IN THE MOMENTS AHEAD IN LIFE, "WHAT A BEAUTIFUL FESTIVAL IT WAS" THEY'D SAY,

WITH THE SATISFIED SMILE.

## EID: A TIMELESS CELEBRATION OF FAITH, UNITY, AND BROTHERHOOD

Written by: Aditi of X-C

AS WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE EID, LET US REFLECT ON THE ESSENCE OF THIS JOYOUS OCCASION. EID SYMBOLIZES THE TRIUMPH OF FAITH, UNITY AND COMPASSION, IT'S A TIME TO CHERISH THE BONDS THAT UNITE US, TRANSCENDING DIFFERENCES IN CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND BACKGROUND. EID MARKS THE CULMINATION OF RAMADAN, THE HOLY MONTH OF FASTING, PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR PEOPLE WORLDWIDE. IT'S A TIME OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL, SELF-DISCIPLINE, AND HEIGHTENED DEVOTION TO GOD. THROUGHOUT RAMADAN, PEOPLE FAST FROM DAWN TILL DUSK, ABSTAINING FROM FOOD, DRINK AND OTHER WORDLY PLEASURES. THIS FASTING IS NOT MERELY AN ACT OF PHYSICAL RESTRAINT BUT A MEANS OF PURIFYING THE SOUL, FOSTERING EMPATHY FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE, AND STRENGTHENING ONE'S CONNECTION WITH GOD, IT'S A TIME OF CELEBRATION, FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION, WHERE PAST GRIEVANCES ARE SET ASIDE, AND BONDS OF BROTHERHOOD AND SISTERHOOD ARE REAFFIRMED. TODAY, AS WE EXCHANGE GREETINGS, LET US REMEMBER THOSE LESS FORTUNATE AND

EXTEND A HAND OF KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY, LET US EMBRACE THE SPIRIT OF EID BY FOSTERING UNDERSTANDING AND HARMONY WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES. MAY THIS BLESSED DAY BRING YOU HAPPINESS, FULFILLMENT AND ABUNDANT BLESSINGS.

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