

*Firuz Jimmy Khan was requested to write a few lines for the 'souvenir' on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Young Collegians' Zoroastrian Association, which was founded way back in the 1950's by Professor Nadir A. Modi and Professor Khurshed Sheriar of Jai Hind College*



### **THE YCZA FAMILY**

*At the Jai Hind College 'bout ten and two score years ago,  
Two zealous lecturers found the need to show  
That the Parsi students were a rudderless lot  
Amongst linguistic groups of an assorted sort.*

*They gave these 'cast-away' youngsters a steering hand  
And that is how the YCZA really began.*

*Within the premises of the Jai Hind College  
The various activities promoted, centered around knowledge.*

*Elocution, debate, dramatics and many a musical event  
Also hikes and picnics for young energy to be well-spent!*

*These unfledged gatherings became popular within the year,  
And juveniles from other colleges of them did hear.*

*Inter-collegiate interaction was thus mooted*

*And the Young Collegians' Zoroastrian Association firmly rooted.*

*Its branches grew steadily and flourished wide  
As youth from various faculties its growth supplied.*

*Like a tiny seed upon the fertile earth when sown  
To a lofty oak this Collegians' Youth Association had grown.*

*For the eligible ones it served an informal matrimonial bureau  
For many a match was struck within its halo.*

*Their activities not limited to pleasure alone  
Lent insight on scripture and cult of a religious tone.*

*Its many illustrious members have been our community's pride  
In our own home-land as well as worldwide.*

*A scheme to 'loan-a-book' by them was conceived  
To which generous contribution was largely received.*

*Today, this Association of a vast scholastic library does boast  
Which students of all faculties its facilities enjoy most.*

*The Book Fund owed success to Ahmed and his loyal team  
For circulation and distribution alone, a Herculean task did seem!*

*Fellowships and free-ships annually given as an educational aid  
For the progress of scholars, for which a Trust Fund was made.*

*To the benevolent ones who formulated such schemes  
We salute them and express our warmest feelings.*

*And to Nadirsha and Sheriyar (the founders) who spent their prime  
Who brilliantly strove for this Association's growth with time.*

*We are grateful indeed to have learnt from them  
For enlarging our minds and with others to blend*

*For those carefree years when our hearts were young,  
For the jollity among this Young Collegians' Zoroastrian Association*

*To Nadirsha alone a very special thanks,  
For sharing his home with the alliance's increasing ranks.*

*To other Trustees and volunteers who their valued services had lent  
For their effort and time unstintingly spent.*

*To build this youthful group that reached out wide  
In which all members present and past, take great pride*

*For the future belongs to the willing and the heirs  
Of this wonderful family that we all share.*



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