

**ODYSSEY AI – 59**  
**with Shariar Karim's**  
**“MILESTONES AND MEMORIES”**

LAST FLIGHT : AI -58 on 10th March 2021 “Flight of Fancy -7 ,Watan ki Sair”

THIS FLIGHT : AI -59 on 13th March 2021 “Ode to an Apostle”

NEXT FLIGHT: AI -60 on 19th March 2021 “My 500th Flight as an I.F.S.”



**“ MILESTONES AND MEMORIES – 59 ”**

**NAMASKAAR, WELCOME ABOARD FLIGHT AI-59  
ON SATURDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021**

Turning back the pages of history,  
Today we have reached the 13<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH, 1985.

**THIS DAY, THAT YEAR, I composed in flight, an -  
“ ODE TO AN APOSTLE ”**

It is not very often that we get an opportunity in life to be touched and blessed by a Saint.

I was once very fortunate to have met the revered Mother Teresa on a flight from Bangkok to Calcutta, this day, that year. We were all overawed by her presence on board and decided to collect donations amongst ourselves to present it to her as a joint gesture. Along with the small contribution, I was inspired to compose a few lines for her in the short time available.

Just before landing we made the presentation to her along with my poem. She was moved by our small token which she accepted gracefully and wrote a few words on my poem.

Her handwritten message and my photograph with her are amongst my most treasured possessions in life.

## ODE TO AN APOSTLE



*M*undane apostle

*O*f pristine peace

*T*each us the truth and show us the way

*H*erald an era of love and care

*E*ach for the other and all for me

*R*ight from wrong and good from bad

*T*ake us along the path you tread

*E*mpy our hearts of pride and vanity

*R*eplenish them with modesty and humility

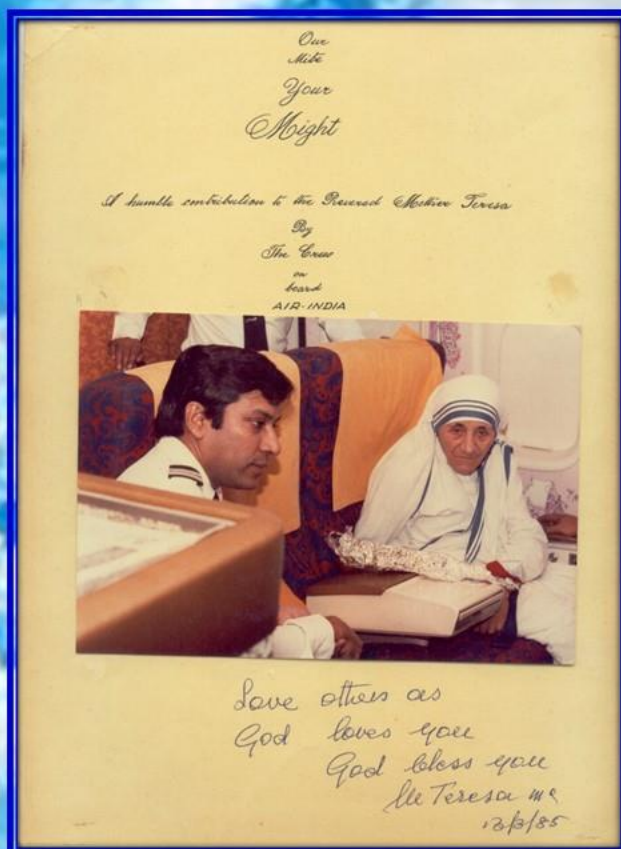
*E*ndless glory - be to thee

*S*o - we pray to almighty

*A*men

-Shariar Karim

Composed in flight between Bangkok and Calcutta & presented to Mother Teresa  
aboard AI 307 on 13-03-1985



“ Love others as God loves you” – The words of Mother Teresa written in her own handwriting.