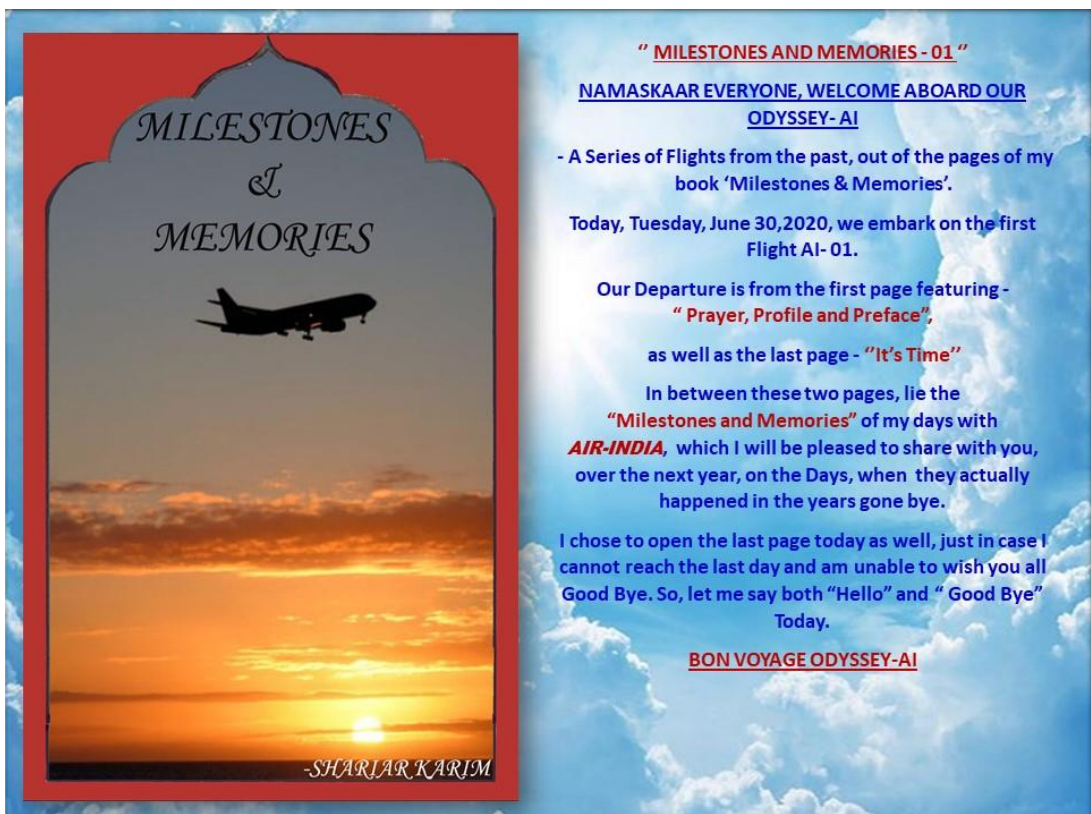
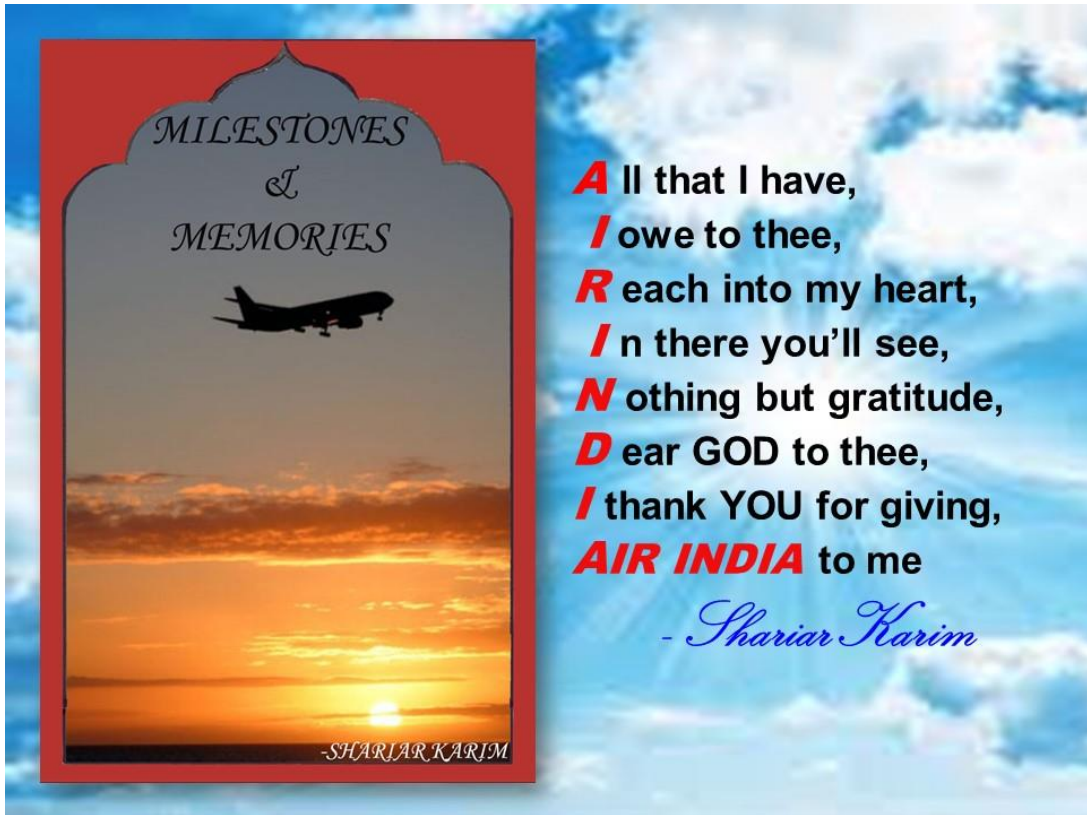


**ODYSSEY AI – 01**  
**with Shariar Karim's**  
**“MILESTONES AND MEMORIES”**

LAST FLIGHT : Announced Odyssey –AI “Milestones and Memories” on 24.06.2020

THIS FLIGHT : AI – 01 on 30.06.2020 “Prayer, Profile, Preface” and “ It’s Time”

NEXT FLIGHT : AI – 02 on 03.07.2020 “Mortal Creator – Immortal Creation”





### *It's Time...*

*My time is up, I have to go,  
It's time to say, Good Bye,  
A part of my life, has come to an end,  
And leaves me, with a nostalgic sigh.*

*Milestones and Memories flood my mind,  
As I look back, over all those years,  
It's been a voyage, of joys and sorrows,  
Of laughter, smiles and tears.*

*I worked with heart, played out my part,  
There were times when I took, no rest,  
It's time that will tell, if I left my mark,  
But I know, I tried my best.*

*It's time to count, my blessings,  
For all that I've got in return,  
A life, a living, a livelihood,  
And much more, than I could earn.*

*It's time to say, Thank You,  
For being so nice, to me,  
I shall remember you kindly,  
Wherever in the world I be.*

*It's time to say, I'm sorry,  
For any wrong, I've said or done,  
Please forgive me for any indiscretion,  
For I've meant to harm, no one.*

*It's time to Thank The Almighty,  
Who carried me with care, so high,  
And to all you wonderful people,  
It's time to say, Good Bye.*

*Shariar Karim.*

**AIR-INDIA**

*March 1, 1968 - June 30, 2006.*





### Profiling

The highlights of AIR-INDIA'S cruise thru 3 decades with some fond memories of some great people and some good times as seen thru the eyes, felt by the heart and chronicled by the pen of Shariar Karim on his journey of 38 years and 4 months from March 1, 1968 To June 30, 2006.

### Preface

For over 73 years AIR INDIA has been embellishing the sky with its aircraft, blazing trails across it, scripting an epic saga of one of the most remarkable success stories in the history of Civil Aviation. And for over 38 of those 73 years with "GODS BENEVOLENCE" I have been in one of those aircraft, proudly serving my national flag carrier with whom I have lived, loved and grown all these years. As I look back over these years I see many faces and I hear many voices. I also remember many places and recall many events that have become

### *Milestones*

In the story of our great airline.

As I look ahead, I see myself taking with me many treasured thoughts which I shall always preserve for posterity as cherished

### *Memories.*

From time to time in prose or rhyme, I have been writing about these people, places and events. Here is a compilation of some of those "GEMS ON THE STRING OF TIME" which I would like to share with you today, my fellow AIR INDIANS. So welcome aboard "YOUR PALACE IN THE SKY" and let us embark on "ODYSSEY-AI." Our "FLIGHT TO ETERNITY"

"ON THE WINGS OF A DREAM" is all about  
"BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER" and taking them  
"TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW" as "ONE HAPPY FAMILY."  
Our route will take us across "SMILES, TEARS, MILES, YEARS."

I hope you will enjoy this "FLIGHT OF FANCY" and will be enthralled by these "MOMENTS OF A LIFETIME." Please always remember that you are the "PILLARS OF PRIDE" Of this great airline and "ONE DAY" your efforts will "TRIUMPH" for us all. Now I hear a "CRY FROM ABOVE", it is my "CALL TIME" and I have to go, but you must carry on.

It was nice spending time with you.

Your flight goes on, but mine has come to an end, so "FAREWELL MY FRIEND" This is my Legacy, which I bequeath to my Airline and to you it's People, for it is you who have helped me in some way or the other at some time or the other, along these many years. It is therefore with sincere gratitude that I present this - my lifetime's work as a tribute to all AIR INDIAN'S Past, Present and Future, and it is to ALL of YOU that I dedicate my humble offering

### *"Milestones & Memories"*

(The words in BLOCK CAPITALS and within inverted commas are all titles of my Poems)