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Abstract

This dissertation is a discussion of Unnati Bohara's Lyrics as an exposure of how the icons of our nation influence almost every ideology, race, ethnic group and gender to stimulate common feeling of nationalism. Although contemporary critics discard concrete and monolithic form of nationalism, but even though it is imaginary, we need a centre to hold the system and images presented by Bohara, thus, share common sense of nationalism. Destruction caused by civil war and the blurred image of nation always hurts Unnati. National consciousness and humanism is the central theme of her writings. Both in her lyrics and poems patriotism, motherland, nature are used as way of expression. When the nation falls in bloodshed, violence she calls Lord Buddha, Himalayas, Mountains, Danfe and Munal, icons that don't belong to one particular group rather these images help to formulate sense of common nationalism.

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