

Ahmar Mahboob

Poster Boy

Stop, Ahmar, stop!
What are you doing?
What have you become?
Remember your roots;
Remember your people;
Remember your goals.

Yes, some applaud you as a success.
They consider you a model:
Someone they look up to,
And, sometimes, want to become.
They are fooled by illusions
Endowed upon a poster boy.

A poster celebrating
How colonial subjects shine
When they play white man's games
In a white man's world.
A technicolored advertisement
Empowering hegemonic discourse.

Stop, Ahmar, stop!
Reflect, rethink, redirect.
Remember your people;
Remember your goals.
Success doesn't come
Until your people succeed.