Nostalgic in New York

'Bhenge more ghorer chabi, niye jabi ke amare...

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NAH, no one is coming to take me away. I was listening to *Rabindra sangeet* at BSA (Bangladeshi Students Association) club room, the common meeting place for the Bangalee students in the campus (of City College of New York). No one is here today except me and myself.

I'm not supposed to be in here either as it is summer vacation now. I work in a pc-lab which is open throughout the year. So, more or less I come to the campus almost every day. I'm about to do my lunch so thought of coming to club instead of going to cafeteria, as it is much cool and silent than café. Besides, here I can listen to my favorite *Rabindra sangeets*.

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The room is big enough for us to place a couch, a computer table, microwave, fridge, bookshelf, and a carom board (yeah we play carom during club-hours!). At the corner there still lies the banner of the last cultural show that we had on April.

There are some *Borsho Boron* pictures hanging on the wall. Girls in *sharis*, boys in *punjabis* and *fotowas*. Aah! We had so much fun in those days. Actually the distance between Bangladesh and USA couldn't stand in front of us to bring all the traditions, customs, and cultural values over here. We are proud to represent our Bangalee culture and tradition in the campus.

As recognition of its service and dedication during the last few years, BSA has won the certificate of excellence, certificate of Best Cultural Show of the year and the Best Cultural Club of the year. Really it's a great honor for us to be recognized by a faculty that produced nine noble prize winners throughout its long journey.

According to a study CCNY stands as one of the 10 best Universities of USA based on the number of graduates acquiring the top rank of renowned companies and government positions as well as personal achievements. So no wonder that students from all over the world gather here to extend the limit of their knowledge.

To tell the truth, sometimes its seems to me CCNY contains more international students than locals. Our bio-medical, architecture and engineering programs are world famous. Most of the Bangalee students go for Engineering (civil/mechanical /electrical/environmental/computer/chemical) major. Few in some other divisions, but engineering & bio-med. surely lie above all other.

The campus is big, though not big enough to use shuttle bus to go from one building to another. Still it is huge. It is like 2nd home for many of us. That's why some of us don't mind staying here (campus) overnight before the finals. Though CCNY don't have its own dormitories (most of the public universities of NY don't have dorm), but the university remains open 24 hrs. So, we don't face problems staying overnight.

The surrounding beauties are amazing too. To watch the sunset from the topmost floor or to watch the beauty of the world at 5am is something beyond anyone's imagination. Sometime I stare at the moon when I'm tired of studying and I wonder: how could anything be so exquisite, so delightful, so glorious (subhanallah)! Is it really the beauty of the moon that attracts me or the sign of the new day that's beginning?

- I don't have the answer for it.

(From New York)

What Love Truly Is...

Original Quote:
If you love someone,
Set her free...
If she comes back, she's yours,
If she doesn't, she never was....

Quotes By Students In Different Fields Of Study :
Student of Law :
If you love someone,
Set her free.
Clause 1a of Paragraph 13a-1 in the second amendment Matrimonial Freedom Act clearly states that...

Student of Biology :
If you love someone,
Set her free.
She'll evolve.

Student of Statistics :
If you love someone,
Set her free.
If she loves you, the probability of her coming back is high
If she doesn't, your relation was improbable anyway.

Student of Human Resource :
If you love someone
set her free by
Offering her VRS and other benefits
Then develop her resources.

Student of Psychology :
If you love someone
Set her free
If she comes back her super ego is dominant
If she doesn't come back her id is supreme
If she doesn't go, she must be crazy.

Student of Finance :
If you love someone
Set her free
If she comes back its time to look for fresh loans
If she doesn't, write her off as an asset gone bad.

Student of Marketing :
If you love someone
Set her free
If she comes back she has brand loyalty
If she doesn't, reposition the brand in new market

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