

A Bohemian at heart

In a world that constantly seeks to define women, actress Azmeri Haque Badhan chooses to define herself. This photoshoot captures not just an aesthetic, but a state of being. Through poetry, we explore the many layers of a woman who has learned to listen to her inner voice and live by it.



Spirited
She is her own story,
one that she writes every day,
turning her life's pages into
history.
She stops and ponders for a
while,
of days she was told she cannot
be.
A brief pause it is ---
"I am the queen of my own fate.
And there's no stopping me."



Beautiful
Where does beauty lie?
Is it in the twinkle of my light brown eyes?
Or in the soft twitch of a smile
I put up in front of friends and foe?
Neither!
It's in my confidence and in the softly
formed wrinkles
on my forehead and my cheeks.
They speak of years of experience,
strength and resistance.
This kind of beauty, I wish for all.



Confident
Much later in life
I realized, I could make choices
of my own.
To be happy and self-assured.
To be healthy and nurturing.
To be entirely selfish and yet forgiving.
To be a complete woman without the need
for validations.
They said this was a momentary madness.
I call it the beginning of the
rest of my life.