**Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T.S. :**  
  
  
Friends,  
  
our dear sister   
  
is departing for foreign   
  
in two three days,  
  
and   
  
we are meeting today  
  
to wish her bon voyage.   
  
  
You are all knowing, friends,   
  
What sweetness is in Miss Pushpa.  
  
I don't mean only external sweetness   
  
but internal sweetness.   
  
Miss Pushpa is smiling and smiling   
  
even for no reason but simply because   
  
she is feeling.   
  
  
Miss Pushpa is coming  
  
from very high family.   
  
Her father was renowned advocate   
  
in Bulsar or Surat,   
  
I am not remembering now which place.  
  
  
Surat? Ah, yes,  
  
once only I stayed in Surat  
  
with family members  
  
of my uncle's very old friend-  
  
his wife was cooking nicely…  
  
that was long time ago.   
  
  
Coming back to Miss Pushpa  
  
she is most popular lady   
  
with men also and ladies also.   
  
  
Whenever I asked her to do anything,  
  
she was saying, 'Just now only  
  
I will do it.' That is showing  
  
good spirit. I am always   
  
appreciating the good spirit.   
  
  
Pushpa Miss is never saying no.  
  
Whatever I or anybody is asking  
  
she is always saying yes,  
  
and today she is going   
  
to improve her prospect   
  
and we are wishing her bon voyage.  
  
Now I ask other speakers to speak  
  
and afterwards Miss Pushpa  
  
will do summing up.   
  
  
**By Nissim Ezekiel**   
  
  
**About The Poet** :  
  
*Goodbye Party For Miss Pushpa T. S.* was written by Nissim Ezekiel, one of India's foremost Indo-Anglian poets. He was born in 1924 and was educated in Mumbai and London. He produced several volumes of verse and plays and was an [art](javascript:void(0);) critic. Ezekiel died in 2004 at the age of 79.  
  
Most of Ezekiel's poetry is for adults, as it is serious and quite difficult to understand. In this poem, however, Ezekiel uses simple Indian' English. Here he is making gentle fun of the people who cannot speak English properly by including in the poem common mistakes made by [speakers](javascript:void(0);) whose mother tongue is not English. There are grammatical mistakes, strange arrangements of words and phrases and idioms which are [direct](javascript:void(0);) translations of expressions in Indian languages - they all sound very odd in English. The poem is in the form of a speech made by one of Miss Pushpa's friends. It should be taken in the spirit in which it was written.