

Eid

Manju Durairaj

Refrain

A'sa laam Ai-le-ku - m Eid Mu-ba-rak! (A'sa)

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Verse

The twelfth month of the Islamic year
 The month called Dhu-al-Hijjah
 Moslem children far and near
 Celebrate Eid-al Adha
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Verse

It is the month of the 5 day Hajj
 The journey to the Kaaba
 Moslem children may travel there
 To celebrate Eid-al Adha
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It's a wonderful happy day
 At the sighting of the moon
 Moslem children smile and say
 Eid is coming soon
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Eid al-Adha is the second most significant holiday for Muslims worldwide. In the lunar-based Islamic Calendar, Eid al-Adha falls on the 10th day of the month of Dhu al-Hijjah, the last month of the year. In the solar-based Gregorian calendar, this year in 2016, Eid will be celebrated on September 12 in North America.

Eid al-Adha means "The Feast of the Sacrifice" and commemorates the willingness of Abraham (Ibrahim) -- the Patriarch of Muslims, Jews and Christians alike -- to sacrifice his son, Ishmael, as an act of submission to God's command, before an angel intervenes and informs him that his sacrifice has already been accepted. Muslims each year sacrifice goat or sheep and distribute one third to neighbors, friends and relatives, one third to the poor and needy and keep one third for themselves.

Eid al-Adha also marks the end of Hajj, the pilgrimage to Mecca, that all Muslims try to make once in their lives. Each year almost 2 million pilgrims come together making it one of the largest annual gatherings. They perform a series of rites including 'umrah when they circle seven times around the Ka'ba. The Ka'ba stands at the center of the Sacred Mosque in Mecca. It is covered with a black cloth embroidered with verses of the Quran, the holy book of Islam. Set into one corner of the Ka'ba is the Black Stone.

The Hajj unites Muslims from all parts of the world, regardless of race, color and culture and reinforces the belief that all humans are created equal.

Eid al-Adha is one of the most joyous events in the Muslim calendar and families and friends get together to celebrate. They attend prayer services in the morning followed by sweets, gifts, and dinners. Children receive presents and money from adults. Families make donations of clothes and gifts to local shelters.