Meghadootam

Meghadootam (meaning cloud messenger) is a lyric love poem composed by Kalidasa about the 5th century AD. The poem recounts the expression of love by Yaksha to his wife at Alaka, Mt. Kailash through the cloud as a messenger.

Most of the poem consists of a description of the landmarks, cities, and sights on the cloud’s journey to Alaka. Chhattisgarh state artistes performing dance based on Meghadootam in Republic day won prize in best tableau category.

Kalidasa

Kalidasa is a great Sanskrit poet who lived in the court of Chandragupta II around 4th-5th century AD.

He wrote plays, poems such as

i. 3 plays - Malavikagnimitram, Abhijnanasakuntalam, Vikramaorvasiyam
ii. 2 epic poems - Raghuwamsa, Kumarasambhava
iii. 2 minor poems – Ritusamhara, Meghadootam