My cherished dream of making an humble research contribution to the Treasury of my own literature seems to have been fulfilled with the completion of this work at the end of my untiring efforts for more than three years. The non-availability of all the published books of Hiteswar Bor Boruah, the most prominent of all the epic poets and sonneteers in Assamese, stood on my path as a great hurdle, and to overcome it I had to bear sufficient pains.

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1. We have retained this spelling - 'Bor Boruah' all throughout the work as it was the spelling signed by the poet. Moreover, the spellings of other proper names within quotations used in this work have been retained unchanged.
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