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ON


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Henry Louis Vivian Derozio

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Bust of Derozio at the [Esplanade](#)

Born	18 April 1809 Calcutta, Bengal Presidency, India
Died	26 December 1831 (aged 22) Calcutta, India
Resting place	South Park Street Cemetery , Mother Teresa Sarani
Occupation	Poet and teacher
Language	English and Bengali
Citizenship	India (British subject)

1. **Henry Louis Vivian Derozio** (18 April 1809 – 26 December 1831) was an Indian poet and assistant headmaster of **Hindu College, Kolkata**.

He was a radical thinker of his time and one of the first Indian educators to disseminate Western learning and science among the young men of [Bengal](#).

Long after his early death, his legacy lived on among his former students, who came to be known as [Young Bengals](#) and many of whom became prominent in social reform, law, and journalism.

Biography:-

Early life

1. Henry Louis Vivian Derozio was born on 18 April 1809 at [Entally](#)-Padmapukur in [Kolkata](#). His parents were Francis Derozio, a Christian [Indo-Portuguese](#) office worker, and Sophia Johnson Derozio, an Englishwoman.^{[1][2]} His original family name was "do Rozário".^[3]
2. Derozio attended David Drummond Dharmatala Academy school from age 6 to 14.^{[1][3][4]} He later praised his early schooling for its liberal approach to education, particularly its unusual choice to teach Indian, Eurasian and European children from different social classes together as peers.^[4] Derozio's later [religious skepticism](#) is sometimes attributed to David Drummond, who was known as a [freethinker](#).^[4] Derozio was a successful student: notices in the [India Gazette](#) and the [Calcutta Journal](#) at the time mentioned Derozio's academic excellence (including several academic prizes) and successful performances in student plays.^[4] While a student, he read the poetry of his contemporaries, [John Keats](#), [Percy Shelley](#), and [Lord Byron](#).^[5]
3. At age 14, Derozio left school to work.^[1] He initially joined his father's office in [Kolkata](#), then shifted to his uncle's indigo factory in [Bhagalpur](#).^[1] Inspired by the scenic beauty of the banks of the [River Ganges](#), he started writing poetry, which he submitted to the [India Gazette](#).^[1] His poetic career began to flourish, with poems published in multiple newspapers and periodicals, in 1825.^[4]
4. In 1827, when Derozio was 18, the editor John Grant took notice of his poetry, offering to publish a book of his work and inviting him to return to Kolkata.^[1] He soon became an assistant editor for Grant, as well as publishing in several other periodicals, and founding his own newspaper, the [Calcutta Gazette](#).^[1]