

A M Raja

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A M Raja
July 1, 1929 - April 18, 1989

Aemala Manmadharaju Raja

- A M Raja was born in Ramachandrapuram, Chittoor (Andhra Pradesh) on July 1, 1929.
- When he was three, his father died and the family moved to Renukapuram where he did his schooling. Then he went to Madras for college education. He completed B.A. at Presidency College.
- Raja showed interests in music while in College and won many prizes in singing. He learned to play piano, achieving proficiency in Carnatic and Western music. He joined HMV gramophone records company as a singer. There he got an opportunity to compose music.
- Gemini Studio S.S Vasan hired him as a playback singer for his film Samsaram and Raja became an instant hit with the public. Later he sang in many films in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada and Sinhala. His melodious voice was well received. He married his singer partner Jikki.
- He got a chance to become a music director in Sridhar's Kalyana Parisu. His composition became a sensation. After that, he composed music for Vidivelli, Anbukkor Anni, Then Nilavu and Adi Perukku. All resulted in great success.

- Raja was a super confident individual with unwavering stand on his art and ability. It was misconstrued as inflexibility and didn't help his film career. He lost favors with the producers, lyricists and other music directors. He was unnerved and started his own taxi business and performed concerts for living. In 1970's he got few chances to compose music for films but they didn't become as popular as earlier films.
- On a fateful day in April, 1989 he boarded a moving train after searching for his assistant who left his compartment to buy something for his music group. He found his assistant but missed a step while boarding back and we lost a creative artist.
- He came in like a breeze and left us like a breeze. But his melody stays on.

-Ref: Wikipedia

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Shobha (Telugu)- 1958

Kalyanaparisu – 1959

Pelli Kanuka (Telugu)- 1960

Vidivelli-1960

Anbukkor Anni- 1960

Then Nilavu- 1961

Aadi Peruku-1962

Ammayenn Sthree (Malayalam) -1970

Veettu Mappillai- 1973

Enakkoru Magan Pirappan-1975

•A.M.Raja Film Songs (46) Playlist-

<https://youtu.be/tRRs7wq5ZC8>