

Pattukkottai Kalyana Sundaram

மக்கள் கவிஞர் பட்டுக்கோட்டை கல்யாண சுந்தரம்

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April 13, 1930 – Oct. 8, 1959

Pattukkottai Kalyana Sundaram

- Born on April 13, 1930
- Born in Sengapaduthankadu village in Pattukkottai Taluk, Thanjavur District
- Born to Arunachalam Pillai and Visalakashi Ammal
- His father was a Tamil scholar and folk poet
- PKS had his education in Thinnai Palli in his village. Didn't go to school at all!
- His village is known for agriculture. He worked in the farms and developed interests in working class and humanism
- Liked films and film songs. Acted in village drama. Joined O.A.K, Thevar's drama group and acted in few plays.
- Thevar wanted him to act in films but PKS was interested in writing lyrics only
- He had joined Communists in his village and worked for a communist magazine Janasakthi which published his early poems
- He went to Pondicherry in 1952 and took Bharati Dasan as his Guru.
- In 1954 he wrote his first movie songs for Paditha Penn but Maheswari movie came before that
- He wrote songs for well over 55 movies from 1954-59. Altogether 250 songs
- The songs deal with love, humanism, socialism, rights of the working class, classless society, philosophy of life and death. Uplift of poor and ordinary individual, his top priority. Love combined with nature was his style.

- Married Gowravammal from a nearby village. Wrote a song about the would be bride- “ஆடை கட்டி வந்த நிலவோ; நெஞ்சில் மேடை கட்டி ஆடும் எழிலோ?” which is famous to this date
- Bharati Dasan presided over his marriage on Sept 11, 1957
- A son Kumaravelu was born to PKS and Gowravammal.
- In 1959, he had undergone nose surgery for migraine headache. Unfortunately died on Oct 8, 1959
- In few years of active work PKS has attained the status of People’s Poet (மக்கள் கவிஞர்)
- He is in league with Bharatiyar and Bhartidasan in winning over the hearts of common people
- MGR owes his fame to PKS for songs written exclusively for him in movies like Nadodi Mannan, Arasilangkumari and Thirudadhe. He openly acknowledged PKS was responsible for him being elected to Chief Ministership of Tamilnadu. The humanism of PKS trickled over to MGR through his songs. People rewarded MGR. People’s poet (மக்கள் கவிஞர்) created people’s actor (மக்கள் திலகம்).
- MGR awarded Bharati Dasan award; Jayalalitha nationalized his works; Karunanidhi built a Memorial for PKS in Pattukkottai.

List of films for which PKS wrote lyrics

[Maheswari \(1955\)](#)

[Paditha Penn \(1956\)](#)

[Marma Veeran \(1956\)](#)

[Kula Dheivam \(1956\)](#)

[Paasavalai \(1956\)](#)

[Rangoon Radha \(1956\)](#)

[Chakravarthi Thirumagal \(1957\)](#)

[Makkalai Petra Magarasi \(1957\)](#)

[Allavudeenum Arputha Vilakkum \(1957\)](#)

[Karpukkarasi \(1957\)](#)

[Sowbagyawathi \(1957\)](#)

[Aaravalli \(1957\)](#)

[Ambikapathy \(1957\)](#)

[Mahadhevi \(1957\)](#)

[Pudhaiyal \(1957\)](#)

[Kanniyin Sabatham \(1958\)](#)

[Uthama Puthiran \(1958\)](#)

[Pillai Kaniyamudhu \(1958\)](#)

[Petra Maganai Vitra Annai \(1958\)](#)

Thedi Vandha Selvam (1958)
Thirumanam (1958)
Nadodi Mannan (1958)
Naan Valartha Thanqai (1958)
Anbu Engey (1958)
Pathi Bakthi (1958)
Thanga Padhumai (1959)
Pandithevan (1959)
Nalla Theerpu (1959)
Kalyana Parisu (1959)
Kalyanikku Kalyanam (1959)
Pudhumai Penn (1959)
Vaazha Vaitha Deivam (1959)
Ulagam Sirikirathu (1959)
Aval Yaar (1959)
Bhaaga Pirivinai (1959)
Kan Thiranthathu (1959)
Amudhavalli (1959)
Thalai Koduthaan Thambi (1959)
Ponn Vilaiyum Boomi (1959)
Kalaivaanan (1959)

[Irumbu Thirai \(1960\)](#)

Rathinapuri Ilavarasi (1960)

Mahalakshmi (1960)

Sangili Devan (1960)

[Ellorum Innaattu Mannar \(1960\)](#)

[Ondrupattal Undu Vazhvu \(1960\)](#)

[Aalukkoru Veedu \(1960\)](#)

[Paadhai Theriyudhu Paar \(1960\)](#)

[Veerakkanal \(1960\)](#)

[Arasilangkumari \(1961\)](#)

[Punar Jenmam \(1961\)](#)

[Thirudadhe \(1961\)](#)

[Kumara Raja \(1961\)](#)

[Vikramaadhithan \(1962\)](#)

[Ethaiyum Thanqum Ithaiyam \(1962\)](#)

[Kalai Arasi \(1963\)](#)

[Maqaney Kel \(1965\)](#)

Courtesy: Wikipedia



Manimandapam in Pattukkottai



Memorial has a bust of PKS

- Pattukkottai Film Songs on Love Theme; Click or paste the link for YouTube Playlist

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvCCTBtu2H3wyvuD7tqJi57zJrGKh4EPH>

- Pattukkottai Film songs on humanism, socialism, communism, philosophy of life and death; Click or paste the link for YouTube Playlist

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvCCTBtu2H3zVDuCOPLb bYZEvtMFLeaZW>