

## AKRAM KHAN STORY

DHUM means Earth

TA means Sky

Let me tell you a story. When I was a child, my mother would take me to her homeland, and there in Algichore, a remote village, I would hang upside down of a huge tree in our courtyard.

I did this everyday and I believed that by doing this I would be able to clear my head from all the thoughts and questions I had kept inside of me – secrets that were growing heavier day by day – questions my mother didn't have time to explain. By hanging there I imagined that all my thoughts would fall out of my head and into the earth.... Dhum!

And when the earth grew heavy, I would climb down from this tree and listen to the cracked earth, eavesdropping, and waiting for the answers to be whispered back....

The whispers finally came, and I confess now that I am a thirty year old man, there are nights when I go to the Rasta.... (Akram speaks Bengali).