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## Indian girl Sherin Catherine in line for Oscar nomination

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NEW DELHI: Sherin Catherine, 24, who wrote the lyrics of two songs for Rupesh Paul's 'Saint Dracula', is all smiles. The songs 'I Be Here' and 'I Have Secrets' written by her and composed by Sreevalsan J Menon have made it to the list of 75 songs chosen for nominations in the original song category for the 85th [Academy Awards](#) 2012. Surprisingly, this is her maiden effort.



(Two songs written by Sherin...)

It was last year when she noticed the Facebook notification searching for young talents to write lyrics for the movie 'Saint Dracula 3D'. She contacted the administrative team of the movie and was asked to send in a few of her original writings in prose. A month later, she was offered the opportunity to write the lyrics of two songs for the movie.

"It took me three months to finish writing two songs for the movie. The songs were rewritten four to five times since then. Sreevalsan J Menon, the music composer, and myself would dedicate hours on teleconferencing, getting the lyrics right. He would sing the songs over and over again on phone and I would be correcting the lines accordingly. After a span of one and half years we finally emerged with two amazing songs," Sherin, currently pursuing her doctorate in Cognitive Science from IIT-Gandhinagar, said.

Sherin, who is from Kottayam, feels this contention for nomination has changed her life. "Of course, I enjoy the fame. And it makes me want to think serious about writing as a career. I have got few offers in hand already. Parents, friends and folks seem to be happy. This is one of the happiest moments in my life."

The young writer is planning to come out with a collection of short stories in Malayalam early next year. "I want to take writing more seriously now. Reading was always my inspiration. I read and got inspired to write. It is good to read. Even better to write," she says.