**Ashalchi Oki** (her real name Akilina Grigoryevna Vekshina) is a famous Udmurt poetess. She was born in Kuzebayevo in 1898.

The girl was very talented. She was very successful at school. Akilina became a teacher and taught Udmurt children. She was inspired by Kuzebai Gerd’s works and began writing poems herself. Her first poems were published in 1918 in newspapers. In 1930s Akilina was subjected to repression. After that she stopped writing her poems. She had a diploma of a doctor. So when the Great Patriotic war began she had to help our soldiers in hospital. After the war she worked as a doctor. She began writing her poems again after Stalin’s death.

Ashalchi Oki was honoured by her contemporaries as a remarkable writer. Udmurt people value her poems and stories for her realism and their love.