

# swahā salutations lyric sheet

## 1. shree saraswati

Om aim Saraswatiyai namaha  
Saraswati om jaya Saraswati om  
Shree Saraswati namostutay

O Supreme Goddess, Salutations

Varaday varaday  
Paraa dayvatay  
Om shree Mahaa Dayvi  
Om shree Mahaa Dayvi  
Om shree Mahaa Dayvi  
Jaya jaya Dayvi

Aim, the seed power mantra of Saraswati, the goddess of speech and learning, activates the principles of higher education, knowledge, art, music and mantra. We salute thee, shree Saraswati.

Salutations to thee, shree Saraswati. Granter of boons, you are the highest of Goddess. We salute your greatness with the sacred mantra "Om". Hail to the great Goddess!

*Meenakshi... vocals*  
*Ron Reid... keyboards, vocals*  
*Tanjeer Alam... tabla*  
*George Koller... bass, dilruba*  
*Martin Posen... acoustic guitar*  
*Genevieve Walker... violin*

## 2. om guru

Om guru om guru om guru dayv  
Jaya guru jaya guru jaya guru dayv

Praym guru praym guru praym guru dayv  
Jaya guru jaya guru jaya guru dayv

Gyaan guru gyaan guru gyaan guru dayv  
Jaya guru jaya guru jaya guru dayv

Shyaam guru shyaam guru shyaam guru dayv  
Jaya guru jaya guru jaya guru dayv

Gurur Brahmaa gurur Vishnur  
Gurur Dayvo Mayayshwaraha

Hail to the divine being, guru, the dispeller of darkness, the essence of "Om", the source of all sound. That divine guru is also pure wisdom—hail to thee, and that guru is Shyam, the blue-black form of Krishna—hail to thee!  
Guru is the ultimate reality, the creator, whose name is Brahma; he is also Lord Vishnu, the supporter of creation, and Mahayshwara, the dissolver of creation. He is the Supreme being, and I offer all my salutations to that infinite being.

*Meenakshi... vocals*  
*Ron Reid... keyboards, vocals, percussion*  
*Kevin Breit... electric guitar*  
*George Koller... bass, dilruba*  
*Ravi Naimpally... dumbek*

*Martin Posen... acoustic guitar*  
*Igor Romanyk... violin*

## 3. god's anthem

raghu pati

Om namoh Bhagavatay Vasudayvaaya

Raghu pati raaghava raaja Raam  
Ratita paavana Seeta Raam

Ishwara Allah taray naam  
Sabako sanmati tay Bhagavan

Seeta Raam, Seeta Raam  
Seeta Raam jaya Raadhay Shyaam...  
Jaya Raadhay Shyaam

Haray Krishna Raama  
Krishna Haray

Ram, Lord and king of humanity, purify us by the names Sita and Ram. Many are the names of god, but god is in all, god is one. Please, Lord, grant us wisdom.

Victory to Sita and Ram, and to Radha, the beloved of Krishna or Shyam. Salutations to Lord Krishna and Lord Ram. Om to great Lord Vasudayva, indweller in the hearts of all beings, unto you do I turn my consciousness!

(Mahatma Gandhi loved this prayer, Raghu Pati, and chanted it throughout his life.)

*Meenakshi... vocals*  
*Ron Reid... keyboards, vocals*  
*Tanveer Alam... tabla*  
*Kevin Breit... Dobro*  
*George Koller... bass, guitar*  
*Igor Romanyk... violin*

## 4. om namah shivaaya

Om namah Shivaaya

Om namah Shivaaya  
Om namah Shivaaya, om namah hari hari  
Om namah Shivaaya  
Hara Hara Shiva Shambho  
Om Shivaaya namah Om

Salutations to the transcendent godly consciousness, Lord Shiva. We bow to you. Your names are Hara and Shambho. Your essence is Om, the source of silence.

*Meenakshi... vocals*  
*Ron Reid... keyboards, vocals, percussion*  
*Tanveer Alam... tabla, Indian classical vocals, percussion*  
*Kevin Breit... acoustic guitar, electric guitar*  
*Alan Hetherington... Native drum*  
*George Koller... bass, dilruba*  
*Igor Romanyk... violin*

## 5. Jaya maa

Jaya Durga jaya Durga  
Jaya maata jaya maata

Jaya Amba Kaalee  
Jagadamba Kaalee

Kaalee maa Kaalee maa  
Durga maa Durga maa  
Kaalee maa Kaalee maa  
Saraswati maa

Seeta Raadhay Seeta Raadhay  
Gauri Durga om

Jaya Durga om  
Kaalee Durga om

Kaalee maa Durga maa om

Praise to Durga, the goddess and mother of the Universe. Praise to Kali, the dark goddess of transformation, the mother. Praise to all of the names of motherly love and protection... to Amba and Jagadamba. Also to Saraswati, the goddess of wisdom, learning, arts and music, we give praise to you. To Sita and Radha, we salute you. Also to Gauri, the shining and brilliant Parvati, you are all at the source of the universe as that universal sound of "Om".

*Meenakshi... vocals*  
*Ron Reid... keyboards, vocals*  
*Alan Hetherington... percussion*  
*George Koller... bass*  
*Ravi Naimpally... tabla*  
*Martin Posen... acoustic guitar, mandolin*  
*Igor Romanyk... violin*

## 6. Shambho mahadeva

Shambho maha-dayva chandra chooda  
Shankara saamba sadaa Shiva

Ganga dhara hara Kailasha vaasa  
Pahimaa Parvati ramana

Shivaaya, Paramayshwaraaya, chandra  
Shaykaraaya namah om  
Bhavarya guna Shiva sambhvaaya  
Shiva tandavaaya namah om

Om namah Shivaaya, Shiva namah om  
Shiva tandavaaya namah om

Oh supreme Lord Shiva, with the moon in your hair, your name is Shankar, the bestower of happiness and confidence. Sitting in meditation, and abiding on Mt. Kailash, you hold the ganga while Parvati sits by your side.

O supreme Lord Shiva, who wears the moon as an ornament, whose source is "Om", you are free from temporal existence, as you dance ecstatically to free us from our ignorance.

Om, we bow to you. Keep dancing your dance of liberation.

*Meenakshi... vocals*  
*Ron Reid... keyboards, vocals*  
*Tanjeer Alam... tabla*  
*Kevin Breit... electric guitar*  
*George Koller... bass, dilruba*  
*Martin Posen... acoustic guitar*  
*Genevieve Walker... violin*

## 7. Dev puja

worship of the goddess

Yaa Dayvi sarva bhootaysshu maatri-roopayna sansthitaa

Namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai Namoh namaha

Yaa Dayvi sarva bhootaysshu Shakti-roopayna sansthitaa

Namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai Namoh namaha

Durgati naashini Durga (Jaya)  
Kaala vinaashini Kaalee (Jaya)  
Om Namaschandikaayay

Jayanti mangalaa Kaalee, bhadra-kaalee kapaalinee  
Namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai Namoh namaha

Durga kshamaa Shivaa dhaatree, swaha swadhaa namastu-tay

Namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai Namoh namaha

Yaa Dayvi sarva bhootaysshu, shaantih roopayna sansthitaa

Namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai Namoh namaha

Yaa Dayvi sarva bhootaysshu, shraddha roopayna sansthitaa

Namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai Namoh namaha

O Mother of all the Beings who is established as the infinite Creatrix of the Universe, to you my salutations, to you my salutations, to you my salutations, again and again.

O Mother of all, that exists as the very form of god, who is full of infinite strength or power, to you my salutations, to you my salutations, to you my salutations.

Glory to the divine goddess Durga, in all of her aspects, victory to Kali, the destroyer of time, the destroyer of suffering. Om, I bow to the goddess Chandikaa (Durga).

O victorious Kali, who delivers us from birth and death, controlling time wearing your garland of skulls.

O Durga! You are the incarnation of forgiveness, serving Shiva and mothering and nourishing all Beings. We bow and salute you, again and again!

O mother of all the Beings, who is full of infinite peace, to you my salutations!

O mother of all that exists, who is full of divine faith, I bow to you again and again!

*Meenakshi... vocals*  
*Ron Reid... keyboards, vocals*  
*Tanveer Alam... tabla*  
*Kevin Breit... electric guitar*  
*George Koller... bass, sitar*  
*Igor Romanyk... violin*

## 8. gāneshā-jī

Om grahapatayay namaha  
Om kaaminay namaha  
Om gyaaninay namaha  
Om harayay namaha

Om shree Ganesha-ji  
Oh dear Lord, help me please  
Om shree Ganesha-ji  
Oh sweet Lord, guide me please

Gam gam Ganapatayay

Om shree Ganesha-ji  
Oh dear Lord, help me please  
Om shree Ganesha-ji  
Remove what lies between you and me

Gaa-i-ay Ganapati  
Ganapatayai Namah Om

Om shree Ganesha-ji  
Oh dear Lord, help me please  
Om shree Ganesha-ji  
Show me what I need to see.

Adoration to Him, the Lord of all plants and galaxies.  
Adoration to Him, who is love. Adoration to Him, who is great  
Wisdom. Adoration to Him, who destroys evil with a lion-like  
courage.

"Gam" is the seed mantra or power of Ganapati, or Ganesh,  
leader of the Celestial hordes. We pray to you, Ganapati, Lord  
of intelligence, who is the essence of Om.

*Meenakshi... vocals*  
*Ron Reid... keyboards, harmonium*  
*Alan Hetherington... percussion*  
*George Koller... bass, dilruba*  
*Ravi Naimpally... tabla*  
*Martin Posen... acoustic guitar*  
*Igor Romanyk... violin*

## 9. shāantih prāyer

peace invocation

Om saha naavavatu saha nau bhunaktu  
Saha veeryam karavaavahai  
Tayjasvi naavadheetamastu  
Maa vidvishaavahai

Om shaantih shaantih shaantih

(From the Taittiriya Upanishad, Brahnavalli and Bhrgu Valli,  
Shaantih mantra)

May the lord protect us together  
May he nourish us together  
May we work together uniting our strength for the good of  
humanity.  
May our learning be luminous and purposeful.  
May we never hate one another.  
May there be peace, peace, peace and perfect peace.

*Meenakshi... vocals*  
*Ron Reid... keyboards, vocals*  
*Kevin Breit... electric guitar*  
*Alan Hetherington... percussion*  
*George Koller... bass, dilruba*  
*Ravi Naimpally... tabla*  
*Martin Posen... acoustic guitar*  
*Igor Romanyk... violin*

The music was recorded live to capture the energy of the  
performance. Additional tracks were recorded to deepen the  
textures and enhance the heart and spirit of the live  
performance.

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