



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

RATRI SUKTAM

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Rigveda 10.127, seer Kushika Saubhara

The eight verses of Rigveda 10.127, without accent marks.

VERSE 1

रात्री व्यख्यदायती पुरुत्रा देव्यक्षभिः ।
विश्वा अधि श्रियोऽधित ॥

The goddess Night, as she comes, has looked out in many places with her eyes, the stars. She has put on all her splendours.

VERSE 2

ओर्वप्रा अमर्त्या निवतो देव्युद्धतः ।
ज्योतिषा बाधते तमः ॥

The immortal goddess has filled the wide space, the low places and the heights. With her light she drives back the darkness.

VERSE 3

निरु स्वसारमस्कृतोषसं देव्यायती ।
अपेदु हासते तमः ॥

As she comes, the goddess has made room for her sister, Dawn. The darkness, too, will then depart.

VERSE 4

सा नो अद्य यस्या वयं नि ते यामन्नविक्षमहि ।
वृक्षे न वसति वयः ॥

May she be kind to us today, she at whose coming we have gone to rest, as birds go to their nest in a tree.

VERSE 5

नि ग्रामासो अविक्षत नि पद्वन्तो नि पक्षिणः ।
नि श्येनासश्चिदर्थिनः ॥

The villages have settled to rest, and all that walks on feet and all that flies on wings, even the hawks that hunt for prey.

VERSE 6

यावया वृक्यं वृकं यवय स्तेनमूर्म्ये ।

अथा नः सुतरा भव ॥

Keep away the she-wolf and the wolf, keep away the thief, O Night of the waves. Then be easy for us to pass through.

VERSE 7

उप मा पेपिशत्तमः कृष्णं व्यक्तमस्थित ।

उष ऋणेव यातय ॥

The darkness, black and painting everything, has come close to me and become visible. O Dawn, clear it away as one clears debts.

VERSE 8

उप ते गा इवाकरं वृणीष्व दुहितर्दिवः ।

रात्रि स्तोमं न जिग्युषे ॥

I have brought this hymn to you as one brings cattle; accept it, O daughter of Heaven. O Night, receive this praise as you would the song for a victor.

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