



SACRED HYMN · HINDI (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

SARASWATI CHALISA

Signed by the poet Ramsagar

Two opening dohas, 39 chaupais and two closing dohas, in the wording that carries the poet Ramsagar's name.

DOHA 1

जनक जननि पद्मरज, निज मस्तक पर धारि ।
बन्दौ मातु सरस्वती, बुद्धि बल दे दातारि ॥

Placing on my head the dust of the lotus feet of my father and mother, I bow to Mother Saraswati, the giver of intellect and strength.

DOHA 2

पूर्ण जगत में व्याप्त तव, महिमा अमित अनंतु ।
रामसागर के पाप को, मातु तुही अब हन्तु ॥

Your glory fills the whole world, measureless and without end. Mother, you alone now destroy the sins of Ramsagar (the poet).

CHAUPAI 1

जय श्रीसकल बुद्धि बलरासी ।
जय सर्वज्ञ अमर अविनाशी ॥

Victory to you, treasury of all intellect and strength; victory to the all-knowing, deathless, imperishable one.

CHAUPAI 2

जय जय जय वीणाकर धारी ।
करती सदा सुहंस सवारी ॥

Victory, victory, victory to her who holds the vina in her hand, who always rides the beautiful swan.

CHAUPAI 3

रूप चतुर्भुज धारी माता ।
सकल विश्व अन्दर विख्याता ॥

Mother, you bear a four-armed form and are renowned throughout the whole universe.

CHAUPAI 4

जग में पाप बुद्धि जब होती ।
तबही धर्म की फीकी ज्योति ॥

Whenever sinful thinking arises in the world, the light of dharma grows dim.

CHAUPAI 5

तबहि मातु का निज अवतारा ।
पाप हीन करती महि तारा ॥

Then the Mother takes form herself, frees the earth of sin and carries it across.

CHAUPAI 6

बाल्मीकिजी जो थे ज्ञानी ।
तव प्रसाद महिमा जन जानी ॥

Valmiki, who was wise, came to know your glory through your grace.

CHAUPAI 7

रामायण जो रचे बनाई ।
आदि कवि पदवी को पाई ॥

He who composed the Ramayana gained the title of the first poet.

CHAUPAI 8

कालिदास जो भये विख्याता ।
तेरी कृपा दृष्टि से माता ॥

Kalidasa, who became famous, did so through your kind glance, Mother.

CHAUPAI 9

तुलसी सूर आदि विद्वाना ।
भये और जो ज्ञानी नाना ॥

Tulsi, Sur and other learned poets, and the many others who became wise -

CHAUPAI 10

तिन्ह न और रहेउ अवलम्बा ।
केवल कृपा आपकी अम्बा ॥

- they had no other support; only your grace, Mother.

CHAUPAI 11

करहु कृपा सोई मातु भवानी ।
दुखित दीन निज दासहि जानी ॥

Mother Bhavani, show me that same grace, knowing me as your own suffering and humble servant.

CHAUPAI 12

पुत्र कई अपराध बहूता ।
तेहि न धरइ चित सुन्दर माता ॥

A son commits many faults, but a good mother does not keep them in her mind.

CHAUPAI 13

राखु लाज जननि अब मेरी ।
विनय करँ भाँति बहुतेरी ॥

Mother, protect my honour now; I entreat you in many ways.

CHAUPAI 14

मैं अनाथ तेरी अवलंबा ।
कृपा करऊ जय जय जगदंबा ॥

I am without a protector and you are my support; show mercy, victory, victory to the Mother of the world.

CHAUPAI 15

मधु कैटभ जो अति बलवाना ।
बाहुयुद्ध विष्णु से ठाना ॥

Madhu and Kaitabha, who were very mighty, took up hand-to-hand combat with Vishnu.

CHAUPAI 16

समर हजार पांच में घोरा ।
फिर भी मुख उनसे नहीं मोरा ॥

Through a terrible battle of five thousand years, still they did not turn their faces away.

CHAUPAI 17

मातु सहाय कीन्ह तेहि काला ।
बुद्धि विपरीत भई खलहाला ॥

Mother, you gave help at that time, and the minds of the wicked pair were turned against themselves.

CHAUPAI 18

तेहि ते मृत्यु भई खल केरी ।
पुखहु मातु मनोरथ मेरी ॥

From that came the death of the wicked ones. Mother, fulfil my wishes too.

CHAUPAI 19

चण्ड मुण्ड जो थे विख्याता ।
छण महु संहारेउ तेहि माता ॥

Chanda and Munda, who were renowned, you destroyed in a moment, Mother.

CHAUPAI 20

रक्तबीज से समरथ पापी ।
सुरमुनि हृदय धरा सब काँपी ॥

Before a mighty sinner like Raktabija the gods, the sages and the whole earth trembled.

CHAUPAI 21

काटेउ सिर जिम कदली खम्बा ।
बार बार बिनऊँ जगदंबा ॥

You cut off his head like a banana stem. Again and again I pray to you, Mother of the world.

CHAUPAI 22

जगप्रसिद्ध जो शुंभ निशुंभा ।
छण में वधे ताहि तू अम्बा ॥

The world-famous Shumbha and Nishumbha - you slew them in a moment, Mother.

CHAUPAI 23

भरत-मातु बुद्धि फेरेऊ जाई ।
रामचन्द्र बनवास कराई ॥

You went and turned the mind of Bharata's mother, and so brought about Ramachandra's exile to the forest.

CHAUPAI 24

एहिविधि रावन वध तू कीन्हा ।
सुर नर मुनि सबको सुख दीन्हा ॥

In this way you brought about the slaying of Ravana and gave happiness to gods, men and sages alike.

CHAUPAI 25

को समरथ तव यश गुन गाना ।
निगम अनादि अनंत बखाना ॥

Who is able to sing your fame and virtues? The Vedas describe you as without beginning and without end.

CHAUPAI 26

विष्णु रुद्र अज सकहिं न मारी ।
जिनकी हो तुम रक्षाकारी ॥

Those whom you protect cannot be slain even by Vishnu, Rudra or Brahma.

CHAUPAI 27

रक्त दन्तिका और शताक्षी ।
नाम अपार है दानव भक्षी ॥

Raktadantika and Shatakshi - your names are countless, O devourer of demons.

CHAUPAI 28

दुर्गम काज धरा पर कीन्हा ।
दुर्गा नाम सकल जग लीन्हा ॥

You did a hard deed on earth, and so the whole world took up your name Durga.

CHAUPAI 29

दुर्ग आदि हरनी तू माता ।
कृपा करहु जब जब सुखदाता ॥

Mother, you remove hardship and every other trouble; giver of happiness, show your grace each time we call.

CHAUPAI 30

नृप कोपित को मारन चाहै ।
कानन में घेरे मृग नाहै ॥

If an angry king seeks to kill someone, or lions surround him in the forest,

CHAUPAI 31

सागर मध्य पोत के भंजे ।
अति तूफान नहिं कोऊ संगे ॥

if his ship breaks up in mid-ocean in a great storm with no one beside him,

CHAUPAI 32

भूत प्रेत बाधा या दुःख में ।
हो दरिद्र अथवा संकट में ॥

if he is troubled by ghosts and spirits or by sorrow, or is in poverty or in danger -

CHAUPAI 33

नाम जपे मंगल सब होई ।
संशय इसमें करइ न कोई ॥

The verse says that by repeating her name all becomes well; let no one doubt this.

CHAUPAI 34

पुत्रहीन जो आतुर भाई ।
सबै छाँडि पूजें एहि माई ॥

Brother, one who longs for a son and has none should set all else aside and worship this Mother.

CHAUPAI 35

करै पाठ नित यह चालीसा ।
होय पुत्र सुन्दर गुण ईशा ॥

The verse says that whoever recites this Chalisa daily will have a handsome son, rich in virtues.

CHAUPAI 36

धूपादिक नैवेद्य चढ़ावै ।
संकट रहित अवश्य हो जावै ॥

The verse says that one who offers incense, food and the like will surely be freed from distress.

CHAUPAI 37

भक्ति मातु की करै हमेशा ।
निकट न आवै ताहि कलेशा ॥

The verse says that suffering does not come near those who always worship the Mother with devotion.

CHAUPAI 38

बंदी पाठ करे सत बारा ।
बंदी पाश दूर हो सारा ॥

The verse says that if a prisoner recites it a hundred times, all the bonds of his captivity are removed.

CHAUPAI 39

रामसागर बाधि हेतु भवानी ।
कीजै कृपा दास निज जानी ॥

Bhavani, Ramsagar has composed this for you; show him grace, knowing him as your own servant.

DOHA 3

मातु सूर्य कान्ति तव, अन्धकार मम रूप ।
डूबन से रक्षा करहु, पछूँ न मैं भव कूप ॥

Mother, your radiance is like the sun, and my form is darkness. Save me from drowning, so that I do not fall into the well of worldly existence.

DOHA 4

बल बुद्धि विद्या देहु मोहि, सुनहु सरस्वती मातु ।
राम सागर अधम को आश्रय तू ही ददातु ॥

Give me strength, intellect and learning; hear me, Mother Saraswati. May you alone give refuge to the lowly Ramsagar.

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