**MAHATMA GANDHI**

Gandhiji, we celebrate your birthday with great love and respect For we are living in this land of India because of you Without your guidance, we don’t know where would be our nation

For soon after you left, we had no salvation.

Gandhiji, when you left us, we were still small You did not live long to guide us all

So message of life didn’t imprint on our tender mind

For, our brethern plunged into wickedness of all kind.

Bapuji, you gave us Swaraj and left for your heavenly home Two years have rolled by but no good has come

No son of yours has learnt to row this boat Amidst rough seas and reach the destination.

Some oppose the Congress, others favour the Socialist In this turbulent times a few prefer the British. Desperate and confused, your lost sheep are in search of guidance Alas! Our Motherland is fearing her fateful end.

Bapuji, without you, difficult to rule the nation

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru wants help in this mission As some of his colleagues don’t walk in this direction Bapuji, at least in our dreams bless and guide us to fulfil our obligation.

**Mumbai, 2-10-1949 Melquiades Rodrigues**