

कथं भीष्ममहं संख्ये द्रोणं च मधुसूदन ।
इषुभिः प्रतियोत्स्यामि पूजार्हावरिसूदन ॥४॥

4. O Madhusudan, O destroyer of enemies, how can I fight with arrows in battle against Bhishma and Drona who are worthy of adoration? (2)

गुरुनहत्वा हि महानुभावान्
श्रेयो भोक्तुं भैक्ष्यमपीह लोके ।
हत्वार्थकामांस्तु गुरुनिहैव
भुञ्जीय भोगान् रुधिरप्रदिग्धान् ॥५॥

5. Rather than killing the noble-minded elders, it is better in this world to live even on alms. But by killing the elders, we shall only be enjoying here the pleasures of wealth and desirable things drenched in blood. (3)

न चैतद्विद्मः कतरन्नो गरीयो
यद्वा जयेम यदि वा नो जयेयुः ।
यानेव हत्वा न जिजीविषाम-
स्तेऽवस्थिताः प्रमुखे धार्तराष्ट्राः ॥६॥

6. We do not know this as well as to which is the better for us, (and) whether we shall win, or whether they shall conquer us. Those very sons of Dhritarashtra, by killing whom we do not wish to live, stand in confrontation. (4)

कार्पण्यदोषोपहतस्वभावः
पृच्छामि त्वा धर्मसम्मूढचेताः ।
यच्छ्रेयः स्यान्निश्चितं ब्रूहि तन्मे
शिष्यस्तेऽहं शाधि मां त्वां प्रपन्नम् ॥७॥

7. With my nature overpowered by weak commiseration, with a mind bewildered about duty, I supplicate You. Tell me for certain that