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१ जागो लोगो जगत के, बीती काली रात। हुआ उजाला धरम का, मंगल हुआ प्रभात।।

Jāgo logo jagata ke, bītī kālī rāta. Huā ujālā Dharama kā, maṅgala huā prabhāta.

र आओ प्राणी विश्व के, सुनो धरम का ज्ञान। इसमें सुख है शांति है, मक्ति मोक्ष निरवाण।।

Āo prāṇī viśva ke, suno Dharama kā gyāna. Isameṅ sukha hai śānti hai, mukti, mokṣa, niravāṇa.

र यह तो वाणी धरम की, बोधि ज्ञान की ज्योत। अक्षर अक्षर में भरा, मंगल ओतपरोत।।

Yaha to vāṇī Dharama kī, bodhi gyāna kī jyota. Akṣara akṣara meṅ bharā, maṅgala otaparota.

४ मीठी वाणी धरम की, मिसरी के से बोल। कल्याणी मंगलमयी, भरा अमृतरस घोल।।

Mīṭhī vāṇī Dharama kī, misarī ke se bola. Kalyāṇī maṅgalamayī, bharā amṛtarasa ghola. 1
People of the world, awake!
The dark night is over.
The light has come of Dhamma, the dawn of happiness.

Come, beings of the universe!
Listen to the wisdom of the Dhamma.
In this lies happiness and peace,
liberation, deliverance, *nibbāna*.

3
These are the words of Dhamma, the flame of enlightenment-wisdom, each syllable of them filled and permeated with happiness.

4 Sweet are the words of Dhamma, each phrase like crystallized sugar, yielding welfare and happiness, suffused with the taste of the deathless.

4	
आओ मानव मानवी,	Āo mānava mānavī,
चलें धरम के पंथ।	calen Dharama ke pantha.
इस पथ चलते सत्पुरुष,	Isa patha calate satpurușa,
इस पथ चलते संत।।	isa patha calate santa.
Ę	
धरम पंथ ही शांति पथ,	Dharama pantha hī śānti path
धरम पंथ सख पंथ।	Dharama pantha sukha panth

धरम पंथ ही शांति पथ, Dharama pantha hī śānti patha, धरम पंथ सुख पंथ। Dharama pantha sukha pantha. धरम पंथ पर जो चले, Dharama pantha para jo cale, करे दुखों का अंत।। kare dukhon kā anta.

इस पथ मंगल मूल है, Isa patha maṅgala mūla hai, इस पथ है कल्याण। isa patha hai kalyāṇa. इस पथ पर जो भी चले, Isa patha para jo bhī cale, पाय सुखों की खान।। pāya sukhoṅ kī khāna.

ट धरम धरम तो सब कहें, Dharama Dharama to saba kahen, पर समझे ना कोय। para samajhe nā koya. शुद्ध चित्त का आचरण, Śuddha citta kā ācaraṇa, शुद्ध धरम है सोय।। śuddha Dharama hai soya. 5 Come, men and women! Let us walk the path of Dhamma. On this path walk holy ones, on this path walk saints.

The path of Dhamma is the path of peace, the path of Dhamma is the path of happiness. Whoever walks the path of Dhamma makes an end of suffering.

7
This path is the source of well-being, this is the path of welfare.
Whoever walks upon this path finds a storehouse of happiness.

8
Everyone talks about Dhamma but no one understands it.
Practicing purity of mind—this is true Dhamma.

९ मैं भी दुखिया ना रहूं, जगत दुखी ना होय। जीवन जीने की कला, सत्य धरम है सोय।।	Main bhī dukhiyā nā rahūn, jagata dukhī nā hoya. Jīvana jīne kī kalā, satya Dharama hai soya.	9 May I and may the world be without suffering; this is the art of living, this is true Dhamma.
१० धरम न हिंदू बौद्ध है, सिक्ख न मुसलिम जैन। धरम चित्त की शुद्धता, धरम शांति सुख चैन।।	Dharama na Hindū Bauddha hai, Sikkha na Musalima Jaina. Dharama citta kī śuddhatā, Dharama śānti sukha caina.	Dhamma is not Hindu or Buddhist, not Sikh, Muslim or Jain; Dhamma is purity of heart, peace, happiness, serenity.
११ संप्रदाय ना धरम है, धरम न बने दिवार। धरम सिखाए एकता, धरम सिखाए प्यार।।	Sampradāya nā Dharama hai, Dharama na bane divāra. Dharama sikhāe ekatā, Dharama sikhāe pyāra.	11 Sectarianism is not Dhamma; Dhamma raises no walls. Dhamma teaches oneness, Dhamma teaches love.
१२ जात पांत ना धरम है, धरम न छूआछूत। धरम पंथ पर जो चले, होवे पावन पूत।।	Jāta pānta nā Dharama hai, Dharama na chūā-chūta. Dharama pantha para jo cale, hove pāvana pūta.	12 Caste or rank is not Dhamma, Dhamma is not untouchability. Whoever walks the path of Dhamma becomes a holy person.

१३		13
जाति वर्ण का गोत्र का,	Jāti varņa kā gotra kā,	Between caste, class or clan
जहां भेद ना होय।	jahāṅ bheda nā hoya.	making no distinction;
जो सबका सबके लिए,	Jo sabakā sabake lie,	for one and all—
धरम शुद्ध है सोय।।	Dharama śuddha hai soya.	this is pure Dhamma.
१४		14
मानव मानव में जहां,	Mānava mānava men jahān,	Between one person and another
भेदभाव ना होय।	bhedabhāva nā hoya.	making no distinction;
निजहित परहित सर्वहित,	Nijahita parahita sarvahita,	of benefit to oneself, to others, to all—
सत्य धरम है सोय।।	satya Dharama hai soya.	this is true Dhamma.
१५		15
अपना भी होवे भला,	Apanā bhī hove bhalā,	Good for oneself,
भला सभी का होय।	bhalā sabhī kā hoya.	good for everyone,
जिससे जग का हो भला,	Jisase jaga kā ho bhalā,	good for the world—

१६
धन्य होंय माता पिता, Dhanya honya mātā pitā,
धन्य होंय कुल गोत। dhanya honya kula gota.
धर्मपुरुष जनमें जहां, Dharma puruṣa janamen jahān,
लिये ज्ञान की ज्योत।। liye gyāna kī jyota.

śuddha Dharama hai soya.

शुद्ध धरम है सोय।।

Fortunate the mother and father, fortunate the family and clan to whom is born a man of Dhamma bearing the torch of wisdom.

this is pure Dhamma.

१७	
यही धरम की परख है,	Yahī Dharama kī parakha hai,
यही धरम का माप।	yahī Dharama kā māpa.
जन जन का मंगल करे,	Jana jana kā maṅgala kare,
दूर करे संताप।।	dūra kare santāpa.
१८	
10	

कुदरत का कानून है,	Kudarata kā kānūna hai,
इससे बचा न कोय।	isase bacā na koya.
मैले मन व्याकुल रहे,	Maile mana vyākula rahe,
निरमल सुखिया होय।।	niramala sukhiyā hoya.

१९	
यह ऋत है, यह नियम है,	Yaha ṛta hai, yaha niyama hai,
सब पर लागू होय।	saba para lāgū hoya.
धर्म धार सुख ही मिले,	Dharma dhāra sukha hī mile,
छूटे दुख ही होय।।	chūțe dukha hī hoya.

२०	
निरधन या धनवान हो,	Niradhana yā dhanavāna ho,
अनपढ़ या विदवान।	anapaḍha yā vidavāna.
जिसने मन मैला किया,	Jisane mana mailā kiyā,
उसके व्याकुल प्राण।।	usake vyākula prāṇa.

This is the only test of Dhamma, this is its only measure: for everyone it provides well-being and removes suffering.

17

This is the law of nature, which no one can escape: a defiled mind remains agitated, an unstained mind is happy.

This is the law, the rule, which applies to one and all: if you practice Dhamma you find happiness, if you forsake it you are miserable.

20
Poor or rich,
illiterate or learnèd,
whoever has defiled his mind
is troubled in spirit.

२१ हिंदू हो या बौद्ध हो, मुसलिम हो या जैन। जब जब मन मैला करे, तब तब हो बेचैन।।	Hindū ho yā Bauddha ho, Musalima ho yā Jaina. Jaba jaba mana mailā kare, taba taba ho becaina.	21 Hindu or Buddhist, Muslim or Jain, whenever you defile your mind you become agitated.
२२ गोरा काला गेहुंआ, मनुज मनुज ही होय।	Gorā kālā gehuṅā, manuja manuja hī hoya.	22 White, black or brown, a man is still a man.

जो जो मन मैला करे, Jo jo mana mailā kare, सो ही दुखिया होय।। so hī dukhiyā hoya.

 २३

 वर्ण रंग से मानवी,
 Varṇa raṅga se mānavī,

 ऊंच नीच ना होय।
 ūñca nīca nā hoya.

 काली गोरी गाय का,
 Kālī gorī gāya kā,

 दूध एक सा होय।।
 dūdha eka sā hoya.

२४ धर्मवंत तो है वहीं, Dharmavanta to hai vahī, शीलवंत जो होय। śīlavanta jo hoya. काया वाणी चित्त के, Kāyā vāṇī citta ke, शील न खंडित होंय।। śīla na khaṇḍita hoṅya. The color of a man's skin makes him neither high nor low. Black or white, a cow gives milk all the same.

Whoever defiles his mind becomes miserable.

To practice the Dhamma one must practice *sīla*.

Not by body, speech or mind should *sīla* be broken.

२५ कायिक कर्म सुधार ले, वाचिक कर्म सुधार। मनसा कर्म सुधार ले, यही धरम का सार।।	Kāyika karma sudhāra le, vācika karma sudhāra. Manasā karma sudhāra le, yahī Dharama kā sāra.	Transform your deeds of body, transform your deeds of speech, transform your mental deeds—this is the essence of Dhamma.
२६(क) सदाचरण ही धरम है, दुराचरण ही पाप। सदाचरण से सुख जगे, दुराचरण दुख ताप।।	Sadācaraņa hī Dharama hai, durācaraņa hī pāpa. Sadācaraņa se sukha jage, durācaraņa dukha tāpa.	26a Right action is Dhamma, wrong action is sin. From right action comes happiness; from wrong action, suffering and torment.
२६(ख) परोपकार ही पुण्य है, पर-पीड़न ही पाप।	Paropakāra hī puņya hai, para-pīḍana hī pāpa.	26b Helping others is virtue; harming others is sin.

Virtue brings happiness;

Threefold is our bondage:

craving, aversion, egotism.

Threefold is the deliverance:

morality, concentration and wisdom.

sin causes torment.

27

२७ तीन बात बंधन बंधें, Tīna bāta bandhana bandhen, राग द्वेष अभिमान। rāga dveṣa abhimāna. तीन बात बंधन खुलें, Tīna bāta bandhana khulen, शील समाधि ज्ञान।। śīla samādhi gyāna.

पुण्य किये सुख ही जगे,

पाप किये संताप।।

Puṇya kiye sukha hī jage,

pāpa kiye santāpa.

२८
प्रज्ञा शील समाधि की,
बहे त्रिवेणी धार।
डुबकी मारे सो तिरे,
हो भव सागर पार।।

Pragyā śīla samādhi kī, bahe triveņī dhāra. Dubakī māre so tire, ho bhava sāgara pāra.

२९ गंगा जमुना सरस्वती, शील समाधि ज्ञान। तीनों का संगम होवे, प्रगटे पद निरवाण।।

Gaṅgā Jamunā Sarasvatī, śīla samādhi gyāna. Tīnoṅ kā saṅgama hove, pragaṭe pada niravāṇa.

३० शील-धरम पालन भला, निरमल भली समाधि। प्रज्ञा तो जाग्रत भली, दर करे भव व्याधि।।

Śīla-dharama pālana bhalā, niramala bhalī samādhi. Pragyā to jāgrata bhalī, dūra kare bhava vyādhi.

३१ शील हमारे पुष्ट हों, होवे चित्त अडोल। प्रज्ञा जागे बींधती, देय ग्रंथियां खोल।।

Śīla hamāre puṣṭa hoṅ, hove citta aḍola. Pragyā jāge bīndhatī, deya granthiyāṅ khola. 2.8

Morality, concentration, and wisdom—three streams have joined together.
By plunging into their confluence you cross the ocean of suffering.

29

The true Ganges, Jamuna and Saraswati are morality, concentration and wisdom. Where the three converge *nibbāna* manifests.

30

Good to practice morality, good is right concentration, good is the awakening of insight to cure the ills of life.

31

May we be strong in moral conduct, may our minds be unwavering, may penetrating insight arise to untie our bonds.

३२	
धर्म छुटे तो सुख छुटे,	Dharma chuțe to sukha chuțe,
आकुल व्याकुल होय।	ākula vyākula hoya.
धर्म जगे तो सुख जगे,	Dharma jage to sukha jage,
हरखित पुलिकत होय।।	harakhita pulakita hoya.

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मंगल मंगल धरम का, मंगल ही फल होय।

अंतर की गांठें खुलें,

मानस निरमल होय।।

Maṅgala maṅgala Dharama kā, maṅgala hī phala hoya. Antara kī gāṇṭheṅ khuleṅ, mānasa niramala hoya.

अंतर गंगा धरम की, Antara Gaṅgā Dharama kī, लहर लहर लहराय। lahara lahara laharāya. राग द्वेष के मोह के, Rāga dveṣa ke moha ke, मैल सभी धुल जांय।। maila sabhī dhula jāṅya.

३५ जीएं जीवन धरम का, Jien jivana Dharama kā, रहें पाप से दूर। rahen pāpa se dūra. चित धारा निरमल रहे, Cita dhārā niramala rahe, मंगल से भरपूर।। maṅgala se bharapūra. 32 If Dhamma is lost, happiness is lost: you are anxious and agitated. If Dhamma arises, happiness arises: you are filled with joy and bliss.

33
The all-auspicious Dhamma bears auspicious fruit.
Knots within are opened, the mind becomes stainless.

May the Ganges of Dhamma within keep flowing, flowing, flowing, to wash away all the stains of craving, aversion and ignorance.

35 Live the life of Dhamma, keep far away from evil, keep unsullied the flow of mind, and brim over with happiness.

३६ धरमविहारी पुरुष हों, धरमचारिणी नार। धरमवंत संतान हो, सुखी रहे परिवार।।	Dharama vihārī puruṣa hoṅ, Dharamacāriṇī nāra. Dharamavanta santāna ho, sukhī rahe parivāra.	May the husband dwell in Dhamma, may the wife walk in Dhamma, may the children be full of Dhamma to keep the family happy.
३७ धरम सदा मंगल करे, धरम करे कल्याण। धर्म सदा रक्षा करे, धरम बड़ा बलवान।।	Dharama sadā maṅgala kare, Dharama kare kalyāṇa. Dharma sadā rakṣā kare, Dharama baḍā balavāna.	37 Dhamma always gives happiness, Dhamma always gives welfare. Dhamma always gives protection; great is the power of Dhamma.
३८ धरम सदृश रक्षक नहीं, धरम सदृश नहीं ढाल। धरम पालकों की सदा, धरम करे प्रतिपाल।।	Dharama sadṛśa rakṣaka nahīṅ, Dharama sadṛśa nahīṅ ḍhāla. Dharama pālakoṅ kī sadā, Dharama kare pratipāla.	There is no protector like Dhamma, there is no shield like Dhamma. The Dhamma always keeps secure those who keep the Dhamma.
३९ प्रलयंकारी बाढ़ में, धरम सदृश ना द्वीप। काल अंधेरी रात में, धरम सदृश ना दीप।।	Pralayaṅkārī bāḍha meṅ, Dharama sadṛśa nā dvīpa. Kāla andherī rāta meṅ, Dharama sadṛśa nā dīpa.	39 In the all-destroying deluge there is no island like the Dhamma. In the pitch-black night there is no lamp like the Dhamma.

४० धरम हमारा ईशवर, धरम हमारा नाथ। सदा सुरक्षित ही रहें, धरम हमारे साथ।।	Dharama hamārā īśavara, Dharama hamārā nātha. Sadā surakṣita hī raheṅ, Dharama hamāre sātha.	40 Dhamma is our master, Dhamma is our lord. We are always protected if Dhamma is with us.
४१ धरम हमारा बंधु है, सखा सहायक मीत। चलें धरम की रीत ही, रहे धरम से प्रीत।।	Dharama hamārā bandhu hai, sakhā sahāyaka mīta. Calen Dharama kī rīta hī, rahe Dharama se prīta.	41 Dhamma is our kin, companion, helpmate, friend. Let us walk to the measure of Dhamma, giving our love to Dhamma.
४२ धर्म धार निरमल बने, राजा हो या रंक। रोग शोक चिंता मिटे, निरभय बने निशंक।।	Dharma dhāra niramala bane, rājā ho yā raṅka. Roga śoka cintā miṭe, nirabhaya bane niśaṅka.	Practice the Dhamma and become pure, whether prince or pauper. Sickness, sorrow and worry vanish; no more fear or preplexity.
४३ यही धरम का नियम है, यही धरम की रीत।	Yahī Dharama kā niyama hai, yahī Dharama kī rīta.	43 This is the law of Dhamma, this is the way of Dhamma:

जो धारे निरमल बने,

पावन बने पुनीत।।

Jo dhāre niramala bane,

pāvana bane punīta.

whoever applies it becomes pure,

holy and saintly.

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धर्म न मंदिर में मिले,
धर्म न हाट बिकाय।
धर्म न ग्रंथों में मिले,
जो धारे सो पाय।।

Dharma na mandira men mile, Dharma na hāṭa bikāya. Dharma na granthon men mile, jo dhāre so pāya.

४५ अपना रक्षित धरम ही, अपना रक्षक होय। धारण कर लें धरम को, धरम सहायक होय।।

Apanā rakṣita Dharama hī, apanā rakṣaka hoya. Dhāraṇa kara leṅ Dharama ko, Dharama sahāyaka hoya.

४६ वाणी तो वश में भली, वश में भला शरीर। पर जो मन वश में करे, वही शूर वह वीर।।

Vāṇī to vaśa meṅ bhalī, vaśa meṅ bhalā śarīra. Para jo mana vaśa meṅ kare, vahī śūra vaha vīra.

४७ मन ही दुरजन, मन सुजन, मन बैरी, मन मीत। मन सुधरे सब सुधरि हैं, कर मन परम पुनीत।।

Mana hī durajana, mana sujana, mana bairī, mana mīta. Mana sudhare saba sudhari haiṅ, kara mana parama punīta. 44

Dhamma is not found in temples, or sold in the bazaar.

Dhamma is not found in books; whoever applies it attains it.

Only if you guard the Dhamma it will be your guard.

If you practice Dhamma, the Dhamma is your helper.

Good to have mastery of speech, good to have physical mastery, but he who is master of his mind is a warrior of real courage.

47

The mind can be wicked, the mind can be gentle, the mind can be a foe or friend.

If the mind is transformed all is transformed, so make your mind truly pure.

४८
मन बंधन का मूल है,
मन ही मुक्ति उपाय।
विकृत मन जकड़ा रहे,
निरविकार खुल जाय।।

Mana bandhana kā mūla hai, mana hī mukti upāya. Vikṛta mana jakaḍā rahe, niravikāra khula jāya.

४९

मन चंचल मन चपल है, भाग रहा सब ओर। सांस डोर से बांध कर,

रोक राख इक ठोर।।

Mana cañcala mana capala hai, bhāga rahā saba ora. Sāṅsa dora se bāndha kara, roka rākha ika thora.

40

जितना बुरा न कर सके, दुशमन द्वेषी दोय। अधिक बुरा निज मन करे, जब यह मैला होय।। Jitanā burā na kara sake, duśamana dveṣī doya. Adhika burā nija mana kare, jaba yaha mailā hoya.

५१

जितना भला न कर सके, मां बापु सब कोय। अधिक भला निज मन करे, जब मन उजला होय।। Jitanā bhalā na kara sake, māṅ bāpu saba koya. Adhika bhalā nija mana kare, jaba mana ujalā hoya. 48

Mind is the root of our bondage, mind is the means of our liberation. A polluted mind remains shackled, an unpolluted mind becomes freed.

49

The mind is volatile and flighty, wandering in every direction. Bind it with a chain of breaths; confine it to one point.

50

Neither enemy nor antagonist can harm you as much as can your own mind when it is defiled.

51

Neither mother, father nor anyone can do you as much good as can your own mind when it is bright and clear.

42
मन के करम सुधार ले,
मन ही प्रमुख प्रधान।
कायिक वाचिक करम तो,
मन की ही संतान।।

Mana ke karama sudhāra le. mana hī pramukha pradhāna. Kāyika vācika karama to, mana kī hī santāna.

43 जो चाहे बंधन खलें. मुक्ति दुखों से होय। वश में कर ले चित्त को, चित के वश मत होय।।

Jo cāhe bandhana khulen, mukti dukhon se hoya. Vasa men kara le citta ko, cita ke vaśa mata hoya.

48 चित से चित का दमन कर. चित से चित्त सुधार। चित्त स्वच्छ कर चित्त से. खोल मक्ति के द्वार।।

Cita se cita kā damana kara, cita se citta sudhāra. Citta svaccha kara citta se. khola mukti ke dvāra.

44 चित की जैसी चेतना. फल वैसा ही होय। दुर्मन का फल दुखद ही, सुखद सुमन का होय।।

Cita kī jaisī cetanā, phala vaisā hī hoya. Durmana kā phala dukhada hī, sukhada sumana kā hoya.

52

Correct your mental actions; mind is first and foremost. Deeds of body and speech are offspring of the mind.

53 If you seek release from bondage and freedom from suffering, be master of your mind; do not be mastered by it.

54 By mind control your mind, by mind transform your mind, by mind cleanse your mind, and open the door to liberation.

55 As is the volition of your mind, so will be the fruit: an impure mind yields fruits of misery, a pure mind gives happiness.

५६
अपने अपने करम के,
हम ही तो करतार।
अपने सुख के दुःख के,
हम ही जिम्मेदार।।

Apane apane karama ke, hama hī to karatāra. Apane sukha ke dufkha ke, hama hī jimmedāra.

40

जब तक मन में राग है, जब तक मन में द्वेष। तब तक दुख ही दु:ख है, मिटें न मन के क्लेश।। Jaba taka mana men rāga hai, jaba taka mana men dveṣa.
Taba taka dukha hī dufkha hai, miṭen na mana ke kleśa.

40

जितना गहरा राग है, उतना गहरा द्वेष। जितना गहरा द्वेष है, उतना गहरा क्लेश।। Jitanā gaharā rāga hai, utanā gaharā dveṣa. Jitanā gaharā dveṣa hai, utanā gaharā kleśa.

49

राग सदृश ना रोग है, द्वेष सदृश ना दोष। मोह सदृश ना मूढ़ता, धरम सदृश ना होश।। Rāga sadṛśa nā roga hai, dveṣa sadṛśa nā doṣa. Moha sadṛśa nā mūḍhatā, Dharama sadṛśa nā hośa. 56

Of our own actions we ourselves are the authors. For our happiness or unhappiness we alone are responsible.

57

As long as there is craving in the mind, as long as in the mind is aversion, there will be suffering, only suffering; the mind cannot be purged of affliction.

58

Deeper the craving, deeper is the aversion. Deeper the aversion, deeper is the affliction.

59

There is no disease like craving, there is no frailty like aversion, there is no folly like ignorance, there is no sanity like Dhamma.

६० क्षण क्षण जागे धरम ही, क्षण क्षण जागे होश। क्षण भर भी अज्ञान में, रहें नहीं मदहोश।।

Kṣaṇa kṣaṇa jāge Dharama hī, kṣaṇa kṣaṇa jāge hośa. Kṣaṇa bhara bhī agyāna meṅ, raheṅ nahīṅ madahośa.

६१

क्षण क्षण क्षण क्षण बीतते, जीवन बीता जाय। क्षण क्षण का उपयोग कर, बीता क्षण नहीं आय।। Kṣaṇa kṣaṇa kṣaṇa kṣaṇa bītate, jīvana bītā jāya. Kṣaṇa kṣaṇa kā upayoga kara, bītā kṣaṇa nahīṅ āya.

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६२

मानव का जीवन मिला, धर्म मिला अनमोल। अब श्रद्धा से यतन से, अपने बंधन खोल।। Mānava kā jīvana milā, Dharma milā anamola. Aba śraddhā se yatana se, apane bandhana khola.

६३

मानव जीवन रतन सा, किया व्यर्थ बरबाद। चरचा कर ली धरम की, चाख न पाया स्वाद।। Mānava jīvana ratana sā, kiyā vyartha barabāda. Caracā kara lī Dharama kī, cākha na pāyā svāda. 60

May Dhamma arise every moment, may awareness arise every moment. May no moment be of ignorance, may no intoxication or heedlessness remain.

61

Moment after moment after moment, life keeps slipping by.

Make use of every moment; the moment past never comes again.

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62

Attained—this human life; attained—the priceless Dhamma. Now with faith and effort to untie your bonds!

63

Human life is like a jewel that you have idly squandered. Merely talking of Dhamma, you did not taste its savor.

६४
जीवन सारा खो दिया,
ग्रंथ पढ़ंत-पढ़ंत।
तोते मैना की तरह,
नाम रटंत-रटंत।।

Jīvana sārā kho diyā, grantha paḍhanta-paḍhanta. Tote mainā kī taraha, nāma raṭanta-raṭanta.

६५ कितने दिन यों ही गए, करते वाद विवाद। अवसर आया धरम का, चाख धरम का स्वाद।।

Kitane dina yon hī gae, karate vāda vivāda. Avasara āyā Dharama kā, cākha Dharama kā svāda.

६६ दुरलभ जीवन मनुज का, दुरलभ धरम मिलाप। धन्य भाग! दोनों मिले, दर करें भव ताप।।

Duralabha jīvana manuja kā, duralabha Dharama milāpa. Dhanya bhāga! donon mile, dūra karen bhava tāpa.

६७(क) जीवन सारा खो दिया, करते बुद्धि-विलास। बुद्धि-विलासों से भला, किसकी बुझती प्यास।।

Jīvana sārā kho diyā, karate buddhi-vilāsa. Buddhi-vilāson se bhalā kisakī bujhatī pyāsa? 64

All your life is wasted in reading book after book, like a parrot or mynah that repeats names by rote.

So many days have passed in discussions and debates!
The time has come for Dhamma; taste the savor of Dhamma.

Rare is human life, rare to encounter the Dhamma.

We are fortunate to have both; let us banish the torment of becoming.

67a
All of life is wasted
in playing intellectual games.
By intellectual games
whose thirst has been quenched?

६७(छ) मत कर मत कर बावले! मत कर बुद्धि-विलास। बुद्धि-विलासों से भला, किसकी बुझती प्यास।।	Mata kara mata kara bāvale! Mata kara buddhi-vilāsa. Buddhi-vilāson se bhalā, kisakī bujhatī pyāsa?	67b Don't do it, child, don't do it! Don't play intellectual games. By intellectual games whose thirst has been quenched?
६८ चरचा ही चरचा करे, धारण करे न कोय। धर्म बिचारा क्या करे, धारे ही सुख होय।।	Caracā hī caracā kare, dhāraṇa kare na koya. Dharma bicārā kyā kare? Dhāre hī sukha hoya.	68 They only talk and talk of it, but nobody applies it. Poor Dhamma! What can it do? Its practice alone brings happiness.
६९ धारण करे तो धर्म है, वरना कोरी बात। सूरज उगे प्रभात है, वरना काली रात।।	Dhāraṇa kare to Dharma hai, varanā korī bāta. Sūraja uge prabhāta hai, varanā kālī rāta.	69 If you apply it, it is Dhamma; otherwise it is empty talk. When the sun rises, dawn comes; otherwise, blackest night.

आते जाते सांस पर, Āte jāte sānsa para, रहे निरंतर ध्यान। rahe nirantara dhyāna. कर्मों के बंधन कटें, Karmon ke bandhana kaṭen, होय परम कल्याण।। hoya parama kalyāṇa.

70 In-breath, out-breath if you keep unbroken awareness, the knots of kamma will be sundered, leading to the highest welfare.

७१ सांस देखते देखते, मन अविचल हो जाय। अविचल मन निरमल बने, सहज मुक्त हो जाय।।	Sānsa dekhate dekhate, mana avicala ho jāya. Avicala mana niramala bane, sahaja mukta ho jāya.	71 Observing breath after breath, the mind becomes still. Unwavering, the mind becomes pure and naturally finds liberation.
७२ सांस देखते देखते, सत्य प्रकटता जाय। सत्य देखते देखते, परम सत्य दिख जाय।।	Sāṅsa dekhate dekhate, satya prakaṭatā jāya. Satya dekhate dekhate, parama satya dikha jāya.	As you observe breath after breath the truth reveals itself. Observing truth after truth you come to ultimate truth.
७३ पल पल क्षण क्षण होश रख, अपना कर्म सुधार। सुख से जीने की कला, अपनी ओर निहार।।	Pala pala kṣaṇa kṣaṇa hośa rakha, apanā karma sudhāra. Sukha se jīne kī kalā, apanī ora nihāra.	73 Moment by moment keep your sanity, rectify your own actions. This is the art of living happily by observing yourself.
७४ क्षण क्षण प्रतिक्षण सजग रह, अपना होश संभाल। राग द्वेष की प्रतिक्रिया, टाल सके तो टाल।।	Kṣaṇa kṣaṇa pratikṣaṇa sajaga raha, apanā hośa sambhāla. Rāga dveṣa kī pratikriyā, ṭāla sake to ṭāla.	74 Moment by moment remain alert, guard your sanity. Strive to avoid and fend off the reactions of craving and aversion.

७५	
बीते क्षण तो चल दिए,	Bīte kṣaṇa to cala die,
आने वाले दूर।	āne-vāle dūra.
इस क्षण में जो भी जीए,	Isa kṣaṇa men jo bhī jīe,
वो ही साधक शूर।।	vo hī sādhaka śūra.
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समय बड़ा अनमोल है,	Samaya baḍā anamola hai,

समय न हाट बिकाय।

तीन लोक संपद दिये, बीता क्षण न पाय।।

मत बिरथा अकुळाय। बीता धन तो मिल सके,

बीता क्षण नहीं आय।।

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बीते क्षण को याद कर,	Bīte kṣaṇa ko yāda kara,
षात क्षण का याद कर,	Dite ksaija ko yada kara,

samaya na hāṭa bikāya. Tīna loka sampada diye,

bītā ksana na pāva.

mata birathā akuļāya.

bītā kṣaṇa nahīn āya.

Bītā dhana to mila sake,

96	
भूतकाल व्याकुल करे,	Bhūtakāla vyākula kare,
या भविष्य भरमाय।	yā bhaviṣya bharamāya.
वर्तमान में जो जिए,	Vartamāna men jo jie,
तो जीना आ जाय।।	to jīnā ā jāya.

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Past moments are gone,
those to come are far away.
Whoever lives in this moment
is a meditator of courage.

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76
Time is so precious,
time is not for sale in the market.
Even for the wealth of three worlds
you can't buy back the moment past.

77
Remembering past moments,
don't uselessly be obsessed.
Past wealth can be recovered but
past moments can never return.

78
Living in the past is agitating, living in the future is delusory. If you live in the present, you have learnt how to live.

98	
प्रतिक्षण अंतर तप च	वल
प्रतिक्षण रह निषपाप	l
प्रतिक्षण बंधनमुक्त हे	Ė,
दूर करें भव ताप।।	

Pratikṣaṇa antara tapa cale, pratikṣaṇa raha niṣapāpa. Pratikṣaṇa bandhanamukta hoṅ, dūra kareṅ bhava tāpa.

८० तप रे तप रे मानवी, तपे ही निर्मल होय। सुबरण भट्टी में तपे,

तप तप कंदन होय।।

tape hī nirmala hoya. Subaraṇa bhaṭṭhī meṅ tape, tapa tapa kundana hoya.

Tapa re, tapa re mānavī,

८१ नए करम बांधे नहीं, क्षीण पुरातन होय। क्षण क्षण जाग्रत ही रहे,

सहज मुक्त है सोय।।

Nae karama bāndhe nahīṅ, kṣīṇa purātana hoya. Kṣaṇa kṣaṇa jāgrata hī rahe, sahaja mukta hai soya.

८२ देख देख कर चित्त की, ग्रंथि सुलझती जाय। जागे विमल विपश्यना, चित्त मृक्त हो जाय।।

Dekha dekha kara citta kī, granthi sulajhatī jāya. Jāge vimala Vipaśyanā, citta mukta ho jāya. 79

Every moment purify within, every moment keep away from evil, every moment free yourself of bonds to vanquish the torments of existence.

80

Strive ardently, oh man, and burn!
Purity comes from burning away the dross.
Gold must pass through a crucible
in order to be refined.

81

Do not generate new *kamma*, let the old be extinguished, every moment remain vigilant, and naturally you become liberated.

82

Observe the mind steadfastly to disentangle its knots.

May stainless Vipassana arise to liberate the mind.

८३
बाहर बाहर भटकते,
दुखिया रहे जहान।
अंतरमन में खोज ली,
सुख की खान खदान।

Bāhara bāhara bhatakate, dukhiyā rahe jahāna. Antaramana men khoja lī, sukha ki khāna khadāna.

68

होश जगे जब धरम का. होवे दुर प्रमाद। स्वदर्शन करते हए, चखे मिक्त का स्वाद।।

Hośa jage jaba Dharama kā, hove dūra pramāda. Svadaršana karate hue, cakhe mukti kā svāda.

64

तष्णा जड से खोद कर. अनासक्त बन जांय। भव बंधन से छटन का, यही एक उपाय।।

Trsnā jada se khoda kara, anāsakta bana jānya. Bhava bandhana se chuṭana kā, yahī eka upāya.

८६

भोगत भोगत भोगते. बंधन बंधते जांय। देखत देखत देखते. बंधन खुलते जांय।।

Bhogata bhogata bhogate, bandhana bandhate jānya. Dekhata dekhata dekhate, bandhana khulate jānya.

83

Always straying outward, the world remains miserable. By searching the depths of the mind you tap the treasure-lode of happiness.

84

When the clarity of Dhamma arises, delusion is dispelled. Observing yourself, you taste the savor of liberation.

85

Dig out craving by the roots and become detached. This is the only way to break the bonds of becoming.

86

Rolling, rolling in pleasure and pain, we keep tying knots. Observing, observing, observing, we open all the knots.

८७
ऐसी जगे विपश्यना,
समता चित्त समाय।
एक एक कर पाप की
परत उतरती जाय।।

Aisī jage Vipaśyanā, samatā citta samāya. Eka eka kara pāpa kī parata utaratī jāya.

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ज्यों ज्यों अंतरजगत में, समता छाती जाय। काया वाणी चित्त के, करम सधरते जांय।। Jyon jyon antarajagata men, samatā chātī jāya. Kāyā vāṇī citta ke, karama sudharate jānya.

८९

बाहर भीतर एकरस, सरल स्वच्छ व्यवहार। कथनी करनी एक सी, यही धरम का सार।। Bāhara bhītara ekarasa, sarala svaccha vyavahāra. Kathanī karanī eka sī, yahī Dharama kā sāra.

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. कपट रहे ना कुटिलता, रहे न मिथ्याचार। शुद्ध धरम ऐसा जगे, जगे स्वच्छ व्यवहार।। Kapaṭa rahe nā kuṭilatā, rahe na mithyācāra. Śuddha Dharama aisā jage, jage svaccha vyavahāra. 87

May Vipassana thus arise to suffuse the mind with equanimity. One after another, may each layer of negativity be stripped away.

88

As in the inner world equanimity spreads, the actions of body, speech and mind are transformed.

89

Inside and outside alike, straight and clean in dealings; oneness in words and deeds this is the essence of Dhamma.

90

Let there be no deceit or malice, let there be no wrong action.
Let pure Dhamma arise, making your conduct upright.

98
शीलवान के ध्यान से,
प्रज्ञा जाग्रत होय।
चित समता में स्थित होवे
उत्तम मंगल होय।।

Śīlavāna ke dhyāna se, pragyā jāgrata hoya. Cita samatā men sthita hove, uttama mangala hoya.

99

जिसके मन प्रज्ञा जगे, होय विनम्र विनीत। जिस डाली पर फल लगें, झुकने की ही रीत।। Jisake mana pragyā jage, hoya vinamra vinīta. Jisa ḍālī para phala lagen, jhukane kī hī rīta.

९३

धन आए तो बावरे, मत कर गरब गुमान। यह बालू की भींत है, इसका क्या अभिमान।। Dhana āe to bāvare, mata kara garaba gumāna. Yaha bālū kī bhīnta hai, isakā kyā abhimāna?

88

मत कर मत कर बावरे! अहंकार अभिमान। बड़ों बड़ों का मिट गया, जग से नाम निशान।। Mata kara mata kara bāvare! Ahaṅkāra abhimāna. Baḍoṅ baḍoṅ kā miṭa gayā, jaga se nāma niśāna.

91

When a person of morality concentrates, insight awakens.

The mind becomes steadfast in equanimity; this is the greatest happiness.

92

If wisdom arises in your mind you become humble and modest, as a branch laden with fruit is sure to bow low.

93

If wealth comes, oh child, do not be vain and haughty. It is a castle made of sand; why be proud of it?

94

Don't do it, child, don't do it! Don't be proud and haughty. All trace of the high and mighty has vanished from the world.

९५ सुख आए नाचे नहीं, दुख आए नहीं रोय। दोनों में समरस रहे, धरमवंत है सोय।।	Sukha āe nāce nahīṅ, dukha āe nahīṅ roya. Donoṅ meṅ samarasa rahe, Dharamavanta hai soya.	Not dancing when pleasure comes, not wailing when in pain, keeping equilibrium with both—this is living the Dhamma.
९६ सुख दुख आते ही रहें, ज्यों आवें दिन रैन। तू क्यूं खोवे बावळा, अपने मन की चैन।।	Sukha dukha āte hī rahen, jyon āven dina raina. Tū kyūn khove bāvaļā, apane mana kī caina?	96 Pleasure and pain keep coming like day and night. Why then cast away your peace of mind, oh child?
९७ अनचाही होवे कभी, मनचाही भी होय। धूप छांह की जिंदगी, क्या नाचे क्या रोय।।	Anacāhī hove kabhī, manacāhī bhī hoya. Dhūpa chāṅha kī jindagī, kyā nāce kyā roya?	97 Unwanted things may come our way, wanted things as well. Life contains both light and shade. Then why dance? Why weep?
९८ जीवन में आते रहें, पतझड़ और बसंत। चित विचलित होवे नहीं, मंगल जगे अनंत।।	Jīvana men āte rahen, patajhaḍa aura basanta. Cita vicalita hove nahīn, mangala jage ananta.	In life there keep coming autumns and springs. If the mind does not waver, you enjoy infinite happiness.

v	Y

कभी बाग वीरान है, कभी बसंत बहार। समता में प्रमुदित रहे, संत निहार निहार।। Kabhī bāga vīrāna hai, kabhī basanta bahāra. Samatā men pramudita rahe, santa nihāra nihāra.

१००

तन सुख, धन सुख, मान सुख, भले ध्यान सुख होय। पर समता सुख परम सुख, अतल अपरिमित होय।। Tana sukha, dhana sukha, māna sukha, bhale dhyāna sukha hoya. Para samatā sukha parama sukha, atula aparimita hoya.

१०१

अंतर में डुबकी लगी, भीग गए सब अंग। धरम रंग ऐसा चढ़ा, चढे न दजा रंग।। Antara men dubakī lagī, bhīga gae saba anga. Dharama ranga aisā cadhā, cadhe na dūjā ranga.

१०२

जैसे मेरे दुख कटे, सबके दुख कट जांय। जैसे मेरे दिन फिरे, सबके दिन फिर जांय।। Jaise mere dukha kaṭe, sabake dukha kaṭa jāṅya. Jaise mere dina phire, sabake dina phira jāṅya. 99

At times the garden withers, at times spring makes it bloom. Remaining joyful with equanimity, the saint simply observes.

100

Better than pleasures of the senses, wealth or reputation is the happiness of concentration, but best is the happiness of equanimity, beyond compare or limit.

101

By plunging deep within, the entire being has become so saturated with the color of the Dhamma that no other color can impinge.

102

As my suffering was cut off, may the suffering of all be ended. As my life was renewed, may that of all be changed.

१०३	
मेरे सुख में शांति में,	Mere sukha
भाग सभी का होय।	bhāga sabhī
इस मंगलमय धरम का,	Isa maṅgala
लाभ सभी को होय।।	lābha sabhī

Mere sukha meṅ śānti meṅ, bhāga sabhī kā hoya. Isa maṅgalamaya Dharama kā, lābha sabhī ko hoya.

१०४ इस दुखियारे जगत में, सुखिया दिखे न कोय। शुद्ध धरम जग में जगे, जन जन सुखिया होय।।

Isa dukhiyāre jagata meṅ sukhiyā dikhe na koya. Śuddha Dharama jaga meṅ jage, jana jana sukhiyā hoya.

१०५ शुद्ध धरम इस जगत में, पुन: प्रतिष्ठित होय। जन जन का होवे भला, जन जन मंगल होय।।

Śuddha Dharama isa jagata meṅ, punaf pratiṣṭhita hoya. Jana jana kā hove bhalā, jana jana maṅgala hoya.

१०६ जग में बहती ही रहे, धरम गंग की धार। जन जन का होवे भला, जन जन का उपकार।।

Jaga men bahatī hī rahe, Dharama Ganga kī dhāra. Jana jana kā hove bhalā, jana jana kā upakāra. 103

May my happiness and peace be shared by one and all. May this munificent Dhamma benefit one and all.

104

In this wretched world
I see no one who is happy.
May pure Dhamma arise in the world,
bringing happiness to all.

105

Again may the pure Dhamma be established in the world, bringing welfare to many, bringing happiness to many.

106

May the Ganges of the Dhamma keep flowing in the world, for the happiness of everyone, for the benefit of all.

१०७
भला होय इस जगत का,
सुखी होंय सब लोग।
दूर होंय दारिद्र दुख,
दूर होंय सब रोग।।

Bhalā hoya isa jagata kā, sukhī hoṅya saba loga. Dūra hoṅya dāridra dukha, dūra hoṅya saba roga.

१०८ बरसे बरखा समय पर, दूर रहे दुषकाल। शासन होवे धरम का, लोग होंय खशहाल।।

Barase barakhā samaya para, dūra rahe duṣakāla. Śāsana hove Dharama kā, loga hoṅya khuśahāla.

१०९ शासन में जागे धरम, उखड़े भ्रष्टाचार। धनियों में जागे धरम, स्वच्छ होय व्यापार।।

Śāsana meṅ jāge Dharama, ukhaḍe bhraṣṭācāra. Dhaniyoṅ meṅ jāge Dharama, svaccha hoya vyāpāra.

११० जन जन में जागे धरम, जन जन सुखिया होय। जन मन के दुखड़े मिटें, जन जन मंगल होय।।

Jana jana meṅ jāge Dharama, jana jana sukhiyā hoya. Jana mana ke dukhaḍe miṭeṅ, jana jana maṅgala hoya. 107

May the world enjoy well-being; may all people be happy. May poverty and suffering be dispelled; may all ills be vanquished.

108

May the rains fall in due season,
may there be no drought.
May the government be righteous,
may the people be happy and prosperous.

109

May Dhamma arise among the rulers, uprooting corruption.

May Dhamma arise in the wealthy, cleansing business dealings.

110

May the Dhamma arise in the masses, may everyone be happy.

May affliction be ended in the minds of all; may all be at peace.

१११ दुखियारे दुखमुक्त हों,	Dukhiyāre dukhamukta hoṅ,
भय त्यागें भयभीत।	bhaya tyāgeṅ bhayabhīta.
बैर छोड़ कर लोग सब,	Baira choḍa kara loga saba,
करें परस्पर प्रीत।।	kareń paraspara prīta.
११२	
द्वेष और दुरभाव का,	Dveṣa aura durabhāva kā
रहे न नाम निशान।	rahe na nāma niśāna.
स्नेह और सदभाव से,	Sneha aura sadabhāva se,
भर लें तन मन प्राण।।	bhara leṅ tana mana prāṇa.

११३	
दूर रहे दुरभावना,	Dūra rahe durabhāvanā,
द्वेष होंय सब दूर।	dveṣa hoṅya saba dūra.
निरमल निरमल चित्त में,	Niramala niramala citta men,
प्यार भरे भरपूर।।	pyāra bhare bharapūra.

११४	
ज्यों इकलौते पूत पर,	Jyon ikalaute pūta para,
उमड़े मां का प्यार।	umaḍe māṅ kā pyāra.
त्यों प्यारा लगता रहे,	Tyon pyārā lagatā rahe,
हमें सकल संसार।।	hamen sakala sansāra.

May the wretched be freed of suffering, may the fearful be rid of fear. May all people forsake enmity; may they love each other.

Of hatred and ill will may not a trace remain.
May love and good will fill body, mind and life.

May ill will be far away, may all aversion be dispelled. May the pure and stainless heart brim over with love.

As a mother overflows with love for her only son, may we keep feeling love for all the universe.

११५
दुखी देख करुणा जगे
सुखी देख मन मोद।
मंगल मैत्री से भरे,
अंतस ओतपरोत।।

Dukhī dekha karuṇā jage, sukhī dekha mana moda. Maṅgala maitrī se bhare, antasa otaparota.

११६ दृष्य और अदृष्य सब, प्राणी सुखिया होंय। निरमल हो निरबैर हों, सभी निरामय होंय।।

Dṛṣya aura adṛṣya saba, prāṇī sukhiyā hoṅya. Niramala ho, nirabaira hoṅ, sabhī nirāmaya hoṅya.

११७(क) दसों दिशाओं के सभी, प्राणी सुखिया होंय। निरभय हों, निरबैर हों, सभी निरामय होंय।।

Dason diśāon ke sabhī, prāṇī sukhiyā honya. Nirabhaya hon, nirabaira hon, sabhī nirāmaya honya.

११७(ख) जल के, थल के, गगन के, प्राणी सुखिया होंय। निरभय हों, निरबैर हों, सभी निरामय होंय।।

Jala ke, thala ke, gagana ke, prāṇī sukhiyā hoṅya. Nirabhaya hoṅ, nirabaira hoṅ, sabhī nirāmaya hoṅya.

115

Seeing the wretched, may compassion arise; seeing the happy, joy.

May the depths of the mind be filled and permeated with infinite love and good will.

116

Visible or invisible, may all beings be happy, pure-minded, without enmity; may all be freed of ills.

117a

In the ten directions, may beings be happy, without fear or enmity; may all be freed of ills.

117b

Whether of water, earth or sky, may beings be happy, without fear or enmity; may all be freed of ills.

११८(क)

सुख छाए संसार में, दुखिया रहे न कोय। जन जन मन जागे धरम, जन जन सुखिया होय।। Sukha chāe saṅsāra meṅ, dukhiyā rahe na koya. Jana jana mana jāge Dharama, jana jana sukhiyā hoya.

११८(ख)

सुख व्यापे इस जगत में, दुखिया रहे न कोय। जन जन मन जागे धरम, जन जन सुखिया होय। जन जन मंगल होय.

सबका मंगल होय।।

Sukha vyāpe isa jagata men, dukhiyā rahe na koya. Jana jana mana jāge Dharama, jana jana sukhiyā hoya. Jana jana mangala hoya, sabakā mangala hoya.

भवतु सब्ब मंगलं साधु साधु साधु Bhavatu sabba maṅgalaṃ. Sādhu, sādhu, sādhu. 118a

May happiness spread through the universe, may no one remain wretched, may the Dhamma arise in the minds of all, may everyone be contented.

118b

May happiness spread through the world, may no one remain wretched, may the Dhamma arise in the minds of all, may everyone be contented, may everyone be happy, may all be happy.

May all beings be happy.

Well said, well said, well said.

NOTES

Verses 28-29

The reference here is to the three sacred rivers of India: the Ganges, the Jamuna and the mythical Saraswati. According to traditional Hindu belief, pilgrims can wash away their sins by bathing in the water at the point where the rivers join.

Verse 117a

The ten directions are east, southeast, south, southwest, west, northwest, north, northeast, above and below.

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