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Arrival of Mira

Love story between Bhojan and Mira

Dr. Shuddhananda Bharati

Notes

Arrival of Mira tells the story of a beautiful young woman who held true to her faith despite many severe hardships. Mira was still only a child when she decided that Ginidhara Gopal (Lord Krishna) was her 'husband' and that she wanted to devote her life to serving and worshipping him. Later, the now orphaned Mira was married to Bhojan, the prince of Mewar and son of Rana, the king of Chittoor.

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Peace Anthem

Peace for all, peace for all For all the countries peace Joy for all, joy for all For all the nations joy A rosy morning peace A smiling summer joy (Peace for all) Equal status for all
Health and home and school for all
A happy world for all (Peace for all)

No idle rich, no more beggars
All are equal workers
No more tears, no more fears
The heart is full of cheers (Peace for all)

No atom scare, no fat mammon
No room for war demon
Like leaves in trees, like rays in the sun
We are one communion,
One Divine communion (Peace for all)

The good in you is good for all
Your life is life for all
The God in you is God for all
Your love is love for all (Peace for all)

For he or she or it or rest
This collective life is best
This Universal Life is best
North or South, or East or West (Peace for all)

Peace for plants and birds and beasts For hills and streams and woods Peace in Home - land and air and sea Dynamic peace we see

Peace for all, peace for all

Immortal Peace for All

Song of Unity

Unite. Unite, Unite, Oh Souls Unite and play your roles Unite in mind, unite in heart

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Unite in whole, unite in part Like words and tunes and sense in song Let East and West unite and live long Trees are many; the grove is one Branches are many: tree is one Shores are many; sea is one Limbs are many; body is one Bodies are many; self is one Stars are many; sky is one Flowers are many; honey is one Pages are many; book is one Thoughts are many; thinker is one Tastes are many; taster is one Actors are many; the drama is one Nations are many; the world is one Religions are many; Truth is one The wise are many; Wisdom is one Beings are many; breath is one Classes are many; college is one Find out this One behind the many Then life shall enjoy peaceful harmony

Courage

The night is through, The chain of slavery It is already broken -I am full of courage!

Peace in the morning,
A golden sun rises
Like a lion superhuman
To accomplish my dream.

A hopeful smile,
Docile as a child
Who plays in the infinite
With a fiery star.

My journey is over; I enjoy time; The universe is my nest; Of eternal spring.

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Presentation of Dr. Shuddhananda Bharati

11th May 1897 – 7th March 1990

The wise one to the cosmic age

Although more than 90 years old, in his school in the south of India, *Kavi Yogi Maharishi* (great divine visionary, wise poet), Dr. Shuddhananda Bharati worked like a young man of twenty. When he was asked his age, he answered: "My age is Courage!"

The Yogi wrote several hundred works in English, French, Tamil, Hindi, Telugu and Sanskrit; five thousand songs, and fifteen hundred poems in French. The magnum opus of the man conscious of the presence of God in him, *Bharata Shakti*, (in 50,000 verses) described his ideal: only One Humanity living in communion with only One God in a transformed world! *Bharata Shakti* is a monumental and unique work. The Yogi depicts the essence of all the religions, of all the prophets and saints, all the approaches of Yoga and all the cultures on an allegorical fabric. It is a book for any age which all spiritual researchers and all nations should read and meditate on.

His commitment is summarized in his book celebrating his life, *Pilgrim Soul*.

The two poems mentioned in the opening express perfectly his ideal.

His mantra, *Aum Shuddha Shakti Aum*, nourishes our souls and guides our steps toward the inner joy *Ananda*. It means: The light of Grace and power of the pure supreme Almighty bless us with peace, happiness and prosperity!

Let the beauty and greatness of soul of Dr. Bharati Shuddhananda bloom and scent the entire earth with its divine message and his spiritual and unifying benefactor!

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Arrival of Mira

(A Musical Play)

Saint Shuddhananda Bharati Chief Characters of the Play

1.	Kannan	-	The deity
2.	Mira Bai	-	Heroine
3.	Lakshmi	-	Mother
4.	Ratnasingh	-	Father
5.	Ravidas	-	Master
6	Veeramji	-	Grandfather
7.	Bhoja	-	Rava (healer)

8. Karva

Udayasingh

Rava's brothers

9. Oodhabai - Rava's younger sister

10. Vasanta - Rava's friend

11. Ravasingh Neeli - Spies
12. Chandra Bhalt - Devotee
13. Sunanda - Bhalt's wife

14. Vijayan Seva - Prince of Mandore

15. Tara - His beloved

16. Gopalas - Inhabitants of Brindavan

17. Jeevagoswami A devotee

Others: People in processions, soldiers, devotees, demons, gopalas, etc.

Places: Kurki, Metatha, Chittoor, forest, Brindavan and Dwarka.

The Arrival of Meera

Act I

(Mira's childhood)

a. Who is my husband?

A huge procession is seen passing in front of Ratan Singh's palace with a band in attendance. Noise of fireworks & crackers rend the air. The bridegroom is

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seated on the horse. The child Mira and her mother Lakshmi watch the procession through a window. Just then, a sparkler, lighted near the bridegroom, bathes the scene with a red glow.

Mira: Who is that person?

Mother: He is the bridegroom. The husband of Jhoti Bai who lives in

that street.

Mira: Who is my husband?

Mother: Hum, let me see darling. Your husband is Ginidhara Gopal

(Lord Krishna).

Mira: So Ginidhara Gopal is my husband. Mother, tell me how I

should behave with him?

Mother: You should love him with all your heart and worship him.

Mira: I shall do so.

Ratnasingh's voice is heard: "Lakshmi, Saint Ravidas has come. Ginidhara puja (ritual of worship) is about to start. Both of you come quickly."

b. Ginidhara is mine

The hall is decorated with festoons. On a pedestal is found a beautiful picture of Ginidhara Gopal. Saint Ravidas performs the puja, after which he strums on the tanpura (a string instrument) and sings hymns in praise of Lord Krishna with rapture. Mira croons to herself while stringing a garland of flowers.

Song 1:

O mind, direct your sincere love
Every day to the wondrous person
Blue-black, shining, even like a rain-cloud,
He the time, win all your power!
Love him, worship him, with truth,
With calmners filling your every crevice;
Worship him in the company
Of devotees, calling out "Hari, Lord,
Madhava" with love overflowing.
Place your entire trust in the Lord
Of Ravidas with hearty love burgeoning,
Escape from the net the ghouls have cast,
Of desire, passion and a bloated ego!

the clouds in Heaven. With words to truth and hearts tranquil. Let's join the sages and greet Madhava. Let's not be enmeshed by the demons of arrogance and avarice but love and trust the

Lord worshipped by Ravidasa.

Mira: With love...

Ravidas: This is a divine child! What devotion! What purity of soul!

Mira: Sir, this garland is for Ginidhara.

Ravidas: Fine. (He garlands the idol)

Mira: Sir, that Ginidhara is mine. He is my husband.

Ravidas: My child, how can I give you the picture of Ginidhara I wor-

ship every day?

Mira: (Attempts to take the picture)

Hummm... It is for me alone.

Mother: Don't be silly. You should not make such demands. Come for

dinner.

Mira: No, no, no. I do not want any food. I want only Ginidhara.

Ravidas: (Closes the box containing articles of worship - Puja box). Oh

Gopal!

Mira's mother: Please come for dinner. When she feels hungry she will come

on her own accord.

(Everybody leaves that place)

Song 2:

Govinda Giridhara Gopala Lord of Radha Gokula Madhava Gopala Lord of Mira.

c. The command of Lord Krishna

While Ravidas is sleeping, Lord Krishna appears before him in a dream and asks him to hand over the picture of Ginidhara to Mira.

Krishna: Oh my faithful devotee. Mira is my gopi (shepherdess – Lord

Krishna is supposed to have a shepherd). She has taken birth

only to serve me... Give her my idol.

Ravidas. Oh Lord, as you wish!

Ratna Singh: Sir, Mira is adament and refuses to eat. She says she will eat

only with Ginidhara.

Ravidas: Ratnasingh, Lord Krishna has given His commands. Hereafter

Ginidhara is Mira's.

Rathny Singh: Let's go.

(Ravidas takes Ginidhara and exits)

d. Mira's dedication

Mira decorates the idol of Ginidhara Gopal with flowers and while doing so talks and sings to him.

Mira: Lord! You are the soul and I am the body! Let us live together

with love.

(She sings with love)

Song 3:

As I look on your face,
Darling, my heart registers
Every time a thrill,
As my love flows out,
Guileless, spontaneous.
O my beloved, respect
The grace that will not leave,
That will not desert me
O Ginidhara, Gopala

O lustrous Lord of Mira!

(Ravidas arrives)

Ravidas: Child, Ginidhara is extremely pleased with your devotion.

Sing hymns in His praise with all your deep felt love.

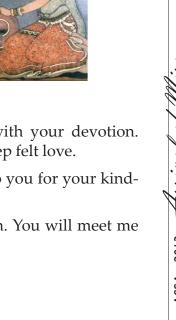
Mira: Oh Sir, He is my life. I am very grateful to you for your kind-

ness.

Ravidas: Child Mira, I am proceeding to Brindavan. You will meet me

later.

(He blesses her and goes off)



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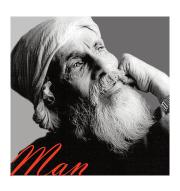
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