

ਕਾਨੜਾ ਮਹਲਾ ੪ ॥

Kaanraa, Fourth Mehl:

ਮਨੁ ਗੁਰਮਤਿ ਰਸਿ ਗੁਨ ਗਾਵੈਗੋ ॥

O mind, follow the Guru's Teachings, and joyfully sing God's Praises.

ਜਿਹਵਾ ਏਕ ਹੋਇ ਲਖ ਕੋਟੀ ਲਖ ਕੋਟੀ ਕੋਟਿ ਧਿਆਵੈਗੋ ॥੧॥ ਰਹਾਉ ॥

If my one tongue became hundreds of thousands and millions, I would meditate on Him millions and millions of times. ||1||Pause||

ਸਹਸ ਫਨੀ ਜਪਿਓ ਸੇਖਨਾਗੈ ਹਰਿ ਜਪਤਿਆ ਅੰਤੁ ਨ ਪਾਵੈਗੋ ॥

The serpent king chants and meditates on the Lord with his thousands of heads, but even by these chants, he cannot find the Lord's limits.

ਤੂ ਅਥਾਹੁ ਅਤਿ ਅਗਮੁ ਅਗਮੁ ਹੈ ਮਤਿ ਗੁਰਮਤਿ ਮਨੁ ਠਹਰਾਵੈਗੋ ॥੧॥

You are Utterly Unfathomable, Inaccessible and Infinite. Through the Wisdom of the Guru's Teachings, the mind becomes steady and balanced. ||1||

ਜਿਨ ਤੂ ਜਪਿਓ ਤੇਈ ਜਨ ਨੀਕੇ ਹਰਿ ਜਪਤਿਅਹੁ ਕਉ ਸੁਖੁ ਪਾਵੈਗੋ ॥

Those humble beings who meditate on You are noble and exalted. Meditating on the Lord, they are at peace.

ਬਿਦਰ ਦਾਸੀ ਸੁਤੁ ਛੋਕ ਛੋਹਰਾ ਕ੍ਰਿਸਨੁ ਅੰਕਿ ਗਲਿ ਲਾਵੈਗੋ ॥੨॥

Bidur, the son of a slave-girl, was an untouchable, but Krishna hugged him close in His Embrace. ||2||

ਜਲ ਤੇ ਓਪਤਿ ਭਈ ਹੈ ਕਾਸਟ ਕਾਸਟ ਅੰਗਿ ਤਰਾਵੈਗੋ ॥

Wood is produced from water, but by holding onto wood, one is saved from drowning.

ਰਾਮ ਜਨਾ ਹਰਿ ਆਪਿ ਸਵਾਰੇ ਅਪਨਾ ਬਿਰਦੁ ਰਖਾਵੈਗੋ ॥੩॥

The Lord Himself embellishes and exalts His humble servants; He confirms His Innate Nature. ||3||

ਹਮ ਪਾਥਰ ਲੋਹ ਲੋਹ ਬਡ ਪਾਥਰ ਗੁਰ ਸੰਗਤਿ ਨਾਵ ਤਰਾਵੈਗੋ ॥

I am like a stone, or a piece of iron, heavy stone and iron; in the Boat of the Guru's Congregation, I am carried across,

ਜਿਉ ਸਤਸੰਗਤਿ ਤਰਿਓ ਜੁਲਾਹੇ ਸੰਤ ਜਨਾ ਮਨਿ ਭਾਵੈਗੋ ॥੪॥

like Kabeer the weaver, who was saved in the Sat Sangat, the True Congregation. He became pleasing to the minds of the humble Saints. ||4||

ਖਰੇ ਖਰੋਏ ਬੈਠਤ ਉਠਤ ਮਾਰਗਿ ਪੰਥਿ ਧਿਆਵੈਗੋ ॥

Standing up, sitting down, rising up and walking on the path, I meditate.

ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਬਚਨ ਬਚਨ ਹੈ ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਪਾਧਰੁ ਮੁਕਤਿ ਜਨਾਵੈਗੋ ॥੫॥

The True Guru is the Word, and the Word is the True Guru, who teaches the Path of Liberation. ||5||

ਸਾਸਨਿ ਸਾਸਿ ਸਾਸਿ ਬਲੁ ਪਾਈ ਹੈ ਨਿਹਸਾਸਨਿ ਨਾਮੁ ਧਿਆਵੈਗੋ ॥

By His Training, I find strength with each and every breath; now that I am trained and tamed, I meditate on the Naam, the Name of the Lord.

ਗੁਰ ਪਰਸਾਦੀ ਹਉਮੈ ਬੂਝੈ ਤੋ ਗੁਰਮਤਿ ਨਾਮਿ ਸਮਾਵੈਗੋ ॥੬॥

By Guru's Grace, egotism is extinguished, and then, through the Guru's Teachings, I merge in the Naam. ||6||

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ਸਤਿਗੁਰੁ ਦਾਤਾ ਜੀਅ ਜੀਅਨ ਕੋ ਭਾਗਹੀਨ ਨਹੀ ਭਾਵੈਗੋ ॥

The True Guru is the Giver of the life of the soul, but the unfortunate ones do not love Him.

ਫਿਰਿ ਏਹ ਵੇਲਾ ਹਾਥਿ ਨ ਆਵੈ ਪਰਤਾਪੈ ਪਛੁਤਾਵੈਗੋ ॥੭॥

This opportunity shall not come into their hands again; in the end, they will suffer in torment and regret. ||7||

ਜੇ ਕੋ ਭਲਾ ਲੋੜੈ ਭਲ ਅਪਨਾ ਗੁਰ ਆਗੈ ਢਹਿ ਢਹਿ ਪਾਵੈਗੋ ॥

If a good person seeks goodness for himself, he should bow low in humble surrender to the Guru.

ਨਾਨਕ ਦਇਆ ਦਇਆ ਕਰਿ ਠਾਕੁਰ ਮੈ ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਭਸਮ ਲਗਾਵੈਗੋ ॥੮॥੩॥

Nanak prays: please show kindness and compassion to me, O my Lord and Master, that I may apply the dust of the True Guru to my forehead. ||8||3||