

# Swamiji

O Swamiji, blessed Master!  
Your passing has shaken the world.  
It has rumbled the Himalayas  
And even made the Gods weep.

O Swamiji, breath of life!  
They say you're gone, but how so?  
For you who art the embodiment of knowledge,  
Whence did you come? Whither did you go?

O Swamiji, Guru of Gurus!  
You're not gone.  
Though I didn't know you well, I see you shining  
Bright in my teacher's heart.

O Swamiji, dearest Compassionate One!  
We know you're not really gone.  
Knowledge flowed from you like the Ganga from Lord Vishnu's feet.  
You are the timeless and immaterial essence of the Veda – how, O Master, can you be gone?

O Swamiji, Guardian of the World!  
For as long as the Veda exists, you exist.  
And even if they fade, you will not fade.  
For it is from your omnipresent, omniscient essence that the Veda will arise again.

O Swamiji, embodiment of Surya!  
When I saw you, I saw light in your eyes.  
I see the same light in my teacher's eyes.  
This light is the boundless light of all worlds and all states.

O Swamiji, Bestower of Grace!  
You gave and gave and gave,  
Working tirelessly for the sake of all beings.  
This infinitude can only come from the infinite.

O Swamiji, Beloved Bhagavan!  
It is no secret that you are Lord Shiva himself.  
With hearts filled with awe, love and respect,  
We gratefully bow our heads at your lotus feet.

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