(1) Saajan Des Vidayserriye

§ **Tukhaari Chhant M:1 (703).** Saajan des vidayserriye saanehrray dayndi. Saar sumhaalay tin sujjnan moondh nain bharayndee. Moondh nain bharayndee goon saarayndee kiyoun Prabh millaan piyaaray. Maarag punth nah jaanu vikkhrra kiyoun paayay pirr paaray. Satgur Shabadee millay vichhoonni tun mun aagaiy raakhaiy. Nanak amrit birkh mahaan rus phaliyaa mil preetam rus chaakhaiy.

Word Meaning:□ Des = country (heart); Vidayserriye = belief that (Waheguru) resides in a foreign country (outside the heart); Saa nehrray = messages;
Saar = inquire about, remember;

Sumhaalay

= remembers:

Tin

= those:

Sujjnan

= dear friend;

Moondh

= young woman, human bride;

Nain

= eyes;

Bharayndee

= tears swelling;

Maarag & Punth

= path;

Vikkhrra

= difficult;

Kiyoun

= how;

Pirr

= Husband (Waheguru);

Vichhoonni

= separated;

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Tun

= body;

Mun

= mind;

Amrit

= the liquid of immortality, Guru's Shabad, ambrosia;

Birkh

= tree.

Mahaan

= great, very much;

Chaakhaiy

= tastes

It is a very sweet Shabad by Guru Nanak Dev Ji narrating the innocence of the human bride (remember, regardless of whether you are a male or a female, Satguru advises us to behave like Waheguru's wife if we want to realize Him) but her burning desire to realize Waheguru. Enjoy the beautiful language and the metaphors.

Meaning: The innocent young human bride does not know that Waheguru resides in her heart; she rather falsely believes that Waheguru resides somewhere far, far away.

Because of this misconceived distance, she misses Waheguru's kindness and other good qualities and feels very sad.

With her eyes swelling with tears, she sends messages to Waheguru.

The sad young lady does not know what path to follow to reach dear Waheguru.

She understands that the path is long and very rough; so how she could find the end to the path (and be with Waheguru). The only way the separated bride can find with Waheguru is to follow Guru's Shabad (teachings) and serve Waheguru with her body and mind. (Guru) Nanak says that the tree of Amrit (Guru's Shabad or Gurbani) is laden with extremely sweet fruit, and the young lady can enjoy it as she unites with Waheguru.

(2) Saa Dhert Bhayee Huriyaavali

§ Sloak M:4 (310). Saa dhert bhayee huriyaavali jithaiy mayra Satgur baitha aaye. Say junt bhuye huriyaavlay jinnee mayra Satgur daykhiya jaaye. Dhun dhunn pita dhun dhunn kul dhun dhun so junanee jin Guru juniya maaye. Dhun dhunn

Guru jin Naam araadhiya aap turriya jinni dittha tinaa luyye chhudaaye. Hur Satgur mayhlo dayya ker jun nanak dhovaiy paaye.

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Word Meaning: Saa = that; Dhert = land; Huriyaavali = green, came alive; Say = t
hose;
Junt
=
living beings;
Dhun
=
great (worthy of respect);
Kul
=
clan. family;
Junanee
=
who gave birth to (mother);
Juniya
gave birth;
Araadhiya
worshipped;
Turriya
swam across (the ocean of Maya), found salvation
:0 00
Dittha
=0
saw (got connected);
Chhudaaye
set free (from shackles of Maya);
Paaye =
feet.
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This beautiful Shabad is written by Guru Ram Dass Ji in which He expresses His deep reverence for the Guru.

Meaning: Even that lands comes to life where my Satguru stops for some time (because He will sing only the praise of Waheguru). Those living being also sprout to life who go

to 'see' (get connected with) the Satguru. Respect worthy is the father of the Guru, and so is the clan of the Guru. The mother of the Guru, who gave birth to the Guru is also respect worthy. The Guru Himself is most respect worthy who worships Waheguru, swims across the sea of Maya (breaks free from the shackles of Maya) and gets those also free who go to see Him (listen to His advice). Oh Waheguru! Kindly connect this servant, Nanak, to the Guru. I want to wash His feet (serve Him in every way).

(3) Sabh Tay Vudda Satgur Nanak

§ Suhi M:5 (749-50). Jis kay sir ooper tu suaami so dukh kaisa paavaiy. Bo al nah jaanay maya mud maata merna cheet nah aavaiy. Mayray Ram Rai tu santaan ka sant

tayray. Tayray sayvuk kaou bhuou kichhu nahee jum nuhee aavaiy nayray. Pause.

Jo tayraiy rung raatay Suaami tinh ka junam mern dukh naasa. Tayree bukhsh nah maytay koyee Satgur ka dilaasa. Naam dhiyayan sukh phul paayan aatth pehar aaradhay. Tayree shern tayraiy bhervaasaiy punch dusht lay saadhay. Giyan dhiyan kichhu kerm nah jaana saar nah jaana tayree. Sabh tay vudda Satgur NANAK jinn kul raakhee mayree.

Word Meaning: Suaami = master, guard, protector; Maya Mud Maata = un der the intoxication of wealth;
Ram Rai
= King Waheguru;
Santaan Ka
= of the devotees;
Sayvuk
=
servant, devotee;
Bhuou
=

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fear;
Jum
=
the angel of death;
Rung Raatay
= imbued in Your love;
Bukhsh
something given with kind love;
Maytay
=
erase, undo;
Dilaasa
assurance;
Naam
Dhiyayan
recite the Naam;
Sukh Phul
= resulting comforts;
Aatth Pehar
= 24 hours, all the time;
Aaradhay
= worship;
Shern =
refuge;
Bhervaasaiy
full faith:
Punch Dusht
the five demons (lust, rage, greed, attachment and ego);
Saadhay
=
controlled;
Giyan
= knowledge;
Dhiyan =
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concentration;
Kerm
=
rituals;
Saar
= information, knowledge;
Kul
= in the present era- called Kalyug;
Raakhee Mayree
=
salvaged me;
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Meaning: Why would a person, who is under your protection, suffer, oh my Waheguru! Without seeking Your refuge, a person is under the intoxication of his wealth and is highly impolite. He never thinks of death. But, You treat Your devotees, who have full faith in You, like Your children and protect them, oh my Lord! Your devotees are not afraid of anything, and even the angel of death cannot come near them (they are not afraid of him either). Pause.

Those who are imbued in Your love do not suffer from rebirths, and Satguru has assured them that nobody can undo the gift of Waheguru's favours to His devotees.

Your devotees keep You in mind all the twenty-four hours and as a result get all the comforts.

By taking Your shelter and with full faith in You, they are able to control the five demons. (Guru) Arjun Dev Ji says that he does not have any knowledge of Waheguru and does not know anything even about the ritualistic deeds like concentrating on some object etc.

It is only the kindness of the Greatest

Satguru Nanak who has saved me from any misdeeds in this suffering world.

(4) Satgur Hoye Diyaal

§ Maajh Ki Vaar, Pauri (149). Satguru hoye diyaal taan sherdhaa pooreeye. Satguru hoye diyaal nah kubhoon jhooreeye. Satgur hoye diyaal taan dookh nah jaaneeye. Satgur hoye diyaal taan Hur rung maaneeye. Satgur hoye diyaal taan Jum ka derr kehaa. Satgur hoye diyaal taan sud hee sookh dehaa. Satgur hoye diyaal taan nuvnidh paayeeye. Satgur hoye diyaal taan Such smaayeeye.

Word Meaning: Diyaal = kind; Sherdha = belief, faith, respect; Nah Kubhoon = never; Jhoor

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eeye
=
sulk, repent;
Hur =
Waheguru;
Rung
=
colour, situation,
affection;
Maaneeye
=
eniov:
Jum
the angel of death:
Nuvnidh
=
all the nine treasures of comfort;
Such
=
everlasting Truth (Waheguru)
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This is a lovely Shabad by Guru Nanak Dev Ji which explains what goodness befalls us when the Perfect Guru is kind to us.

Meaning: Our faith in Satguru is affirmed, and we never have to sulk when He is kind to us. When Satguru is kind, we enjoy the love of Waheguru and do not experience (feel)

any discomfort as we are happy in every situation. When Satguru is kind, no angel of death can strike fear in us, and we always enjoy comforts. When Satguru is kind, we get connected to Waheguru and feel that we are experiencing the comforts of all the nine treasures.

Notes: (1) No matter how hard we try on our own, our faith in Waheguru (or Satguru) is rarely firm and is always shaky. It is affirmed when the Satguru is kind to us.

(2) According to the Hindu Shastras, there are nine treasures of riches of different kinds.

(5) Satgur Nanak Pergutiyaa

§Vaar Bhai Gurdass Ji (1, Paurri 27). Satgur Nanak pergutiyaa mitee dhoondh jug chaanan□ hoya. Jioun ker suraj nikliyaa taaray chhupay undher puloyaa.□ Singh bookkay mirgaavlee□ bhunny jaaye nah dheer dhroyaa. Jitthaiy Baaba pair dhuray pooja aasun thaapun soya.□ Sidh aasun subh jagat day Nanal aad mutay jay koya.□ Ghur ghur undder dhurmsaal hovaiy keertun suda visoya. Baabay taaray chaar chuck navkhund prithmee Sucha dhoya. Gurmukh Kul vich pergut hoya.

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roared;
Migaavlee
herd of deer;
Bhunny Jaaye
=
fled,
ran away;
dheer
strengthen heart, control, courage;
Dhroyaa
to place, to have;
Jitthaiy
wherever;
Aasun
place of rest;
Thaapun
established;
Soya
the very same;
Sidh
yogis seeking supernatural powers;
Aad
original (faith in Waheguru);
Mutay
=
faith;
Koya
did, converted;
Dharamsaal
place of worship;
Keertun
praise of Waheguru;
Visoya
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that which uplifts the spirit;
Taaray
took across the ocean of Maya (enlightened to find salvation);
Chaar Chuck
all the four directions (people of everywhere);
Navkhund
nine regions (of the earth);
Sucha
=
Т
he True (Waheguru);
Dhoya
hauled:
Gurmukh
the special messenger of Waheguru;
Kul
Kalyuq
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This is another devotional hymn by Bhai Gurdass Ji which illuminates the greatness of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. No composition of Bhai Gurdass Ji has been enshrined in Guru Granth Sahib. However, Bhai Sahib's Baani is highly respected by all the Sikhs and it is sung in the Gurdwaras.

Meaning: Just as a herd of deer loses strength of heart and runs away when it hears the roar of a lion; and just as the stars become out of sight and the darkness vanishes when the sun comes out, the mist of ignorance disappeared and the light of knowledge dawned in the world with the advent of Guru Nanak. Every place where the respected Baba Ji (Guru Nanak Dev Ji) set foot became worthy of worship. Because of the divine light that Guru Nanak imparted to the world, all the places where Sidh yogis had some followers became places to worship Waheguru. Every house hold became a place of worship where the praise of Waheguru was sung which uplifts the spirits of participants. The great Guru took the Divine Message across all the nine divisions of the earth and enlightened the people everywhere so that they could swim across the ocean of Maya (free themselves from the bonds of Maya) to be one with Waheguru.

(6) Soon Yaar Hamaaray Sujjan

§ Jaitsari Chhant M:5 (703). Soon yaar hamaaray sujjan ikk karoun baynanteeya. Tis Mohan lall piyaaray haoun phiroun khoajantiyaa. Tis duss piyaaray sirr dhureen ootaaray ikk bhoree dershan deejay. Nain hamaaray priyye rung rungaaray ikk til bhee nah dheereejay. Prabh siou mun leena jioun jul meena chaatrik jivayn tisanteeya. Jun Nanak Gur poora paaya suglee tikhaa bujhantiyaa.

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Word Meaning: Sujjan = yaar = friend; Baynanteeya = request; Mohan Lall□ =□ dear
Waheguru;
Khoajantiyaa =
searching;
Tis =
Him:
Bhoree =
for a very short time;
Dershan =□
siaht:
Rungaaray =
imbued;
Ikk Til□ =□
the size of a sesame (a short moment);
Dheereejay = []
find peace;
Meena =
fish:
Chaatrik = □ □
a small bird which is believed to clamour for the very first drop of rain (called swantee
droplet) to quench its thirst;
Tisanteeya =
thirsty;
Tikhaa =□ t
hirst:
Bujhantiyaa =
quenches
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It is a lovely Shabad by Guru Arjun Dev Ji in which He is requesting some Gurmukh (a fully committed Sikh of the Guru and connected to Waheguru) to guide Him to find with Waheguru.

Meaning: Oh my Gurmukh friend! I have a request to make. Please listen carefully. I am searching for the darling Waheguru everywhere. I will offer my head (to serve you) if you would connect me to Him even for a short moment. I am completely imbued in dear Waheguru's colour (love) and my eyes do not find peace even for a short moment without 'seeing' Him. My mind is so lost in the thoughts of Waheguru just as a fish is lost in search of water or a thirsty chatrik (for the swantee droplet). (Guru) Nanak says that all His thirst is quenched once He realized the Perfect Guru (Waheguru)

(7) Soot Apraadh Kert Hai Jaytay

§ **Assa Kabir Ji (478).** Soot apraadh kert hai jaytay. Junanee cheet nah raakhas taytay. 1. Ramayyaa houn baarak tayraa. Kaahe nah khundus avgoon mayraa. 1. Pause.

Jay utt kroap kurray ker dhaaya.

Taan bhee cheet nah raakhas maya. Chint bhavan mun pariyo hamaara. Naam binna kaisay ootras paara. Deh bimal mutt suda sreera. Sehi goon ravaiy Kabira.

Word Meaning: Soot = son; Apraadh = crimes, unacceptable behaviour; Jaitay = ho wever many;

Junanee

=

mother;

Cheet

=

memory;

Taytay

=0

all those:

Ramayyaa

=

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pervading everywhere(God);
Kaahe =□
why;
Khundus =
negate, contradict, kill;
Avgoon
=0
bad qualities;
Utt
=0
extreme;
Kroap
= [
anger;
Dhaaya
=
attacked;
Maya
=
mother;
Chint
=0
worries;
Bhavan
=0
palace, kiln;
Kaisay
how;
Ootras Paara
land on the other side (of the ocean of Maya or break the
bonds of Maya);
Bimal
=0
clean, good;
Mutt
=0
advice;
Sehj
=
the state where the mind is at peace;
Goon
good qualities;
Ravaiy
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remember;

This is a very sweet Shabad by Kabir Ji in which he requests Waheguru to ignore his bad deeds just as a mother does for her son.

Meaning: The meaning will start just before the Pause.

Oh dear God! I am your child; why don't you destroy (ignore) my bad deeds? PAUSE.

A mother does not keep all the crimes (bad deeds) of her son in mind.

Even if her son attacks her in an extreme anger, the mother still forgets that.

My mind is suffering in the kiln of worries (I am worried that if you do not ignore my mistakes) I will not be able to swim across the ocean of Maya (break the bonds of Maya and will not find salvation).

Please, grant me a clean thinking by which I may sing Your praise for good qualities in a state where my mind is completely at peace.