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FOREWORD

The Psalmist says, Let everything that breathes praise the Lord (Ps. 150:6). Christians are instructed to address one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all their heart (Eph. 5:19), to sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in their hearts to God (Col. 3.16). May these hymns collected for the use of Serampore College Theology community help in their worship life, always remembering, as they use them, the moving of the Holy Spirit who inspired the composers and who can continue to inspire the singers of the hymns.

Music is the very foundation that enables us to move from faith to faith and glory to glory. We speak out the love and justice of God in Psalms and Hymns and make melody with all our hearts.

The Theology Department of Serampore College is an amalgamation of students from various denominations, cultures and traditions. Over the years, we have been trying to integrate theology with peoples' lives through many means and one such means is music. For more than a decade, the Department has been thinking to bring out a Hymn Book of its own, and it is a matter of joy that we are able to make this first humble effort. This ecumenical venture of selecting hymns from various hymn books used by different Churches, including few songs in Asian and Indian languages and some liturgies will enhance the scope of our worship.

It is our prayer that these hymns will strengthen the faith and commitment of the people of God.

Come, let us sing to the Lord a new song.

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Serampore College Theme Song

O! barren one break forth into singing
 Enlarge the place of your lonely
 dwelling
 You will be blessed, abandon fear
 of shame
 I am your God, the Lord of hosts
 my name

Refrain : Expect great things from God
 O friends
 Attempt great things for God O friends
 Inspired by God's witnesses let us run
 life's race.

2. Thank you O God, for Carey,
 Marshman, Ward
 You were their light and their
 powerful Lord
 Grateful are we for their rich legacy
 May we use it very responsibly.
3. Unless a grain falls to the earth and dies
 It stays alone and no fruit multiplies
 Forgetting self with love and zeal
 for thee
 Lord of the cross, may we your
 servants be
4. Lord grant to us your vision for our time
 Endue our lives with your Spirit
 sublime
 So that people who live in woeful light
 Through us be blessed with your
 transforming light.

– Roger Gaikwad

Carey Day Song

(17th August, Carey's Birthday
 is observed as Carey Day)

(Tune : O Happy Day...)

William Carey took noble birth,
 Great gift of God to all on earth.
 Let's now rejoice and sing God's praise,
 Break forth in gladness every race.

Refrain : Carey Day, happy day,
 Let us observe this glorious day.
 Let us solemnly vow and pray
 We'll work and shine on everyday.
 Carey Day, happy day,
 His path we'll follow day by day.

2. He bred and trod the path of toils
 And shred all trivial dearth and foils
 He hoped always great things from God
 And attempted great things for God.
3. He loved and lived God's promises
 And put His words to practices
 He humbled and denied his 'I'
 God gave him honor from on high.

– Dipankar Halder (2005)



CAREY'S BENGALI SONGS

(William Carey's Bengali Compositions)

Jishur preme Jishur preme shukh o
shanti pai

Pashe thaken drishti rakhen jani sarbodai

*Chorus : Bhalobashen Jishu nath amaay
Mone mone pratikkhane gaile pran juraay*

2. Jishur bale Jishur bale hriday
rokkha paay
Tare jakhon daki takhon dukkho
dure jaay
3. Jishur doya Jishur doya tar to
Shima nai
Pore gele dharen tule Paper khoma pai
4. Jishur icchha Jishur icchha palon
korte chai
Prio trata jestho bhrata bhalo lage bhai
5. Jishur seba Jishur seba bhalo lage bhai
Sujog peye shukhi hoye karje kal katai
6. Jishur hriday Jishur hriday dharon
korte chai
Prarthonate shastropathe roto
thaki tai.

Mor probhur preme shukhi hoi
jeamon matsho salile
Tar komal shikkhar modhu loi jeamon
bhringo kamole.

Chorus :

Ami Jishuke bhalobashibo
prabhur shange sada thakibo
Ami Jishuke bhalobashibo tar
biswastho shishyo hoibo

2. Mor probhur bakye cholte hoy jeamon
badam bayute
Kabja bina dar kichhu noy tori
phire halete
3. Mor probhur shanti niramol momo
mone bohile
Se keamon shobha nadir jal jeamon
jyotsna hillole
4. Chai Jishur krusher bhagi hoi tari
preme dhori pran
Nij hate preker chinho loi bhabi
porer paritran.

Meaning : I rejoice in the love of the Lord, as the fish in the water. I shall love Jesus and become his faithful disciple. I shall abide by his word and have his peace in my mind. I want to take up the cross of Jesus and proclaim it for the salvation of many.

- 1796

Meaning : I get peace and happiness in the love of Jesus who takes care of me always. My heart pleases when I call him. He lifts me up when I fall. I want to obey his will and do his service always. I want to have the heart of Jesus in me as I spend time in prayer and reading the Scripture.