

# A Shot in the Arm

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“Sava lakh-se-ek laraon tabhi Gobind Singh nam kahaon”

**The meaning is:- When Guru Gobind Singh gives the NAME i.e. initiation, a single man becomes strong to triumph over a lakh and quarter of his foes. Each disciple, deriving from his inspiration a real spiritual devotion, and his soul filled with such wonderful heroism! While holding forth thus on the glories of Guru Gobind Singh, Swami ji's eyes dilating with enthusiasm seemed to be emitting fire, and his hearers, dumb-stricken and looking at his face, kept watching the wonderful sight! Swami Vivekananda's Diary'. (Place:- Balaram Babu's residence, Calcutta, Year 1898)**

The sage of Hemkunt wrote his life's poetry  
'Wondrous Drama' with a pen whose point was the sword,  
And there in recorded deeds that were not oratory  
But dipped in blood were battles so red word by word.

And whose pages comes to life and wakens  
A mighty spiritual hero one should forget not,  
Remembering whom is to be inspired and shaken  
And a name is heard round the world like a shot!

O on call of duty who stood up so tall  
And with all his might tyranny did fight,  
In the twinkle of an eye sacrificed his all  
Defending always the shining cause of right.

And whose name was not a nebulous fancy  
Produced by a mythological factory,  
But an action packed life of constancy  
The kind of which creates matchless history.

In history's dull unmusical lines  
An innocuous name it was and nothing more,  
Yet for my ears sounds a drum loud and sanguine  
That sets up an echo of eternal lore.

O all set in few words – each a load stone  
Spelling a name that magnetize history,  
And who created 'The Khalsa' out of his own  
Such's its nail biting incredulous story.

It is the magic of a name only  
That gives history its romantic charm,  
Guru Gobind Singh so wondrous and holy  
For the downtrodden a shot in the arm!

