

# Chardi Kala

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The Guru has bestowed this gift

To all his followers

May they always be

In a state of *Chardi Kala*.

But this gift haunts me

For I know not what it means.

Can I ever aspire

To reach that state of Bliss?

Is it a state of mind

That throbs with *Ek Onkaar*

Which conveys unbounded optimism

That the Creator loves His creation?

Is it an invisible link

To Akal Purakh

Which gives one the strength

To accept all with grace?

Is it *sahaj* that prevails

Through good times and bad

Which views all happenings

With His Name in mind?

Chisel this vessel, my Guru

Make me a worthy Sikh

For only then can I

Accept this glorious gift.



## **Guru Nanak's Heavenly Mission**

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For twenty-four years

he travelled the world

always on the move

spreading His word

And always besides him

as he travelled around

was the disciple, Mardana

providing musical sounds

A custom made rebeck

was gifted to Nanak

by his sister, Nanaki

for his divine mission

Nanak visited places

for years on end

travelling within India

and countries beyond  
He taught against rituals  
both straight and bent  
that mislead the folks  
and exploit the innocent  
folks, were lost in omens  
In the name of God  
Nanak gave them hope  
and refreshing thought  
He had a charisma  
Radiated divine glow  
Nanak was honoured  
wherever he would go.  
In his visit to Hardwar  
Nanak taught the flock  
by flinging Ganga *jal*  
towards his native crop  
The crowds understood:  
It was a wasted gesture  
Flinging Ganga waters  
to the dead ancestors  
He met characters  
who needed reformation

He lead them to a path  
of the true redemption.

