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Introduction

In the spring of 1970, at the invitation of then Secretary-General U Thant, Sri Chinmoy began conducting twice-weekly non-denominational meditations for peace for United Nations delegates and staff at UN Headquarters in New York. Until his passing in 2007, Sri Chinmoy offered his multifaceted inspiration to the UN community through these meditations and through lectures, concerts, art exhibits and other programmes for peace. In a prolific outpouring of poems, essays and songs dedicated to the UN, he encouraged individuals of all faiths, races and nationalities to seek peace in their lives and to bring this peace to their work for the United Nations.

Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations (Peace Meditation Group), as the group established by the spiritual leader is known, continues to host meditations and other activities to promote world harmony, often in cooperation with UN Member States and organizations which support the ideals and goals of the United Nations.

Sri Chinmoy also founded a Non-Governmental Organization accredited with the UN Department of Public Information, the international Sri Chinmoy Centre, which promotes a culture of peace, and provides humanitarian aid.

The songs in this collection are selected from hundreds composed by Sri Chinmoy for the UN, and are dedicated to the upcoming United Nations 75th anniversary. Also included in this volume is a selection of Sri Chinmoy's poetry, along with excerpts from his various talks about the UN.

By immersing oneself in these lofty visions, one will be uplifted and reminded of the profound significance of the United Nations and its powerful role in the world arena.

In the prophetic words of Sri Chinmoy: "The inner vision of the United Nations is the gift supreme. A day will dawn when the vision of the United Nations will save the world."

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Poems and Essays on the United Nations

*Following are selected poems and excerpts from
Sri Chinmoy's essays and talks conveying his vision
for the United Nations and for a peaceful
oneness-world.*

The outer message of the United Nations is peace.
The inner message of the United Nations is love.
The inmost message of the United Nations is oneness.

– Sri Chinmoy, The Tears of Nation-Hearts, 1977

The most important thing to remember while working at the United Nations is the vision of the United Nations.

– Sri Chinmoy, Flame-Waves, Part 10, 1978

The inner heart of the United Nations is flooded with peace.
The outer heart of the United Nations is trying to spread peace all over the world.

– Sri Chinmoy, The Tears of Nation-Hearts, 1977

The United Nations is the morning. World union is the day.

– Sri Chinmoy, Union-Vision, 1975

The ancient dream of cooperation is not just a human dream that has nothing to do with reality. This ancient dream is not a dream at all but a faultless and divine vision – an unhorizoned vision that is slowly, steadily and unerringly shaping our individual and collective destiny as humanity marches towards its supreme goal of universal oneness and transcendental newness.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

The real worth of the United Nations lies in the united principles of its members. It is in these united principles that one can see the fruit of true inner oneness and divine perfection.

– Sri Chinmoy, The Garland of Nation-Souls, 1972

Peace does not mean the absence of war. Peace means the presence of harmony, love, satisfaction and oneness.

– Sri Chinmoy, A Heart of Peace, 1997

Be a genuine ambassador of good will to all nations. You will immediately win the universal love and the transcendental blessings from above.

– Sri Chinmoy, Ten Thousand Flower-Flames, Part 43, #4230, 1982

To create a perfect world, we must become a song of interdependence.

– Sri Chinmoy, Seventy-Seven Thousand Service-Trees, Part 34, #33,849, 2003

The greatest mistake in life is to remain indifferent to the world situation.

– Sri Chinmoy, Seventy-Seven Thousand Service-Trees, Part 28, #27,373, 2002

Do not stop dreaming! One day your world-peace-dream will inundate the entire world.

– Sri Chinmoy, Twenty-Seven Thousand Aspiration-Plants, Part 201, #200,031, 1994

The greatness of each nation lies in its deep love for other nations and in its self-giving to other nations.

– Sri Chinmoy, The Tears of Nation-Hearts, 1977

Problems are everywhere. Each country has hundreds of problems. Each individual has hundreds of problems. But problems can be solved, should be solved and must be solved by individuals first. If each individual dives deep into his own countless problems, he comes to realise that there is only one problem, and that problem is lack of oneness.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

World-unity is of paramount importance. If all the countries join together for a positive common goal, the very act of their being together is something laudable. Only this approach will eventually save the world and the planet.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

To me, the United Nations is great. Why? Because it has high principles. To me, the United Nations is good. Why? Because it leaves no stone unturned to transform these principles into living realities.

– Sri Chinmoy, *The Tears of Nation-Hearts*, 1977

The United Nations sings one song: the song that says it is love-power that will conquer the world. No other power can conquer the world.

– Sri Chinmoy, *The Tears of Nation-Hearts*, 1977

The United Nations is like the ocean. Each Mission is a flowing river entering into the ocean with hope, with eagerness and with a willingness to become part and parcel of the ocean.

– Sri Chinmoy, *The Tears of Nation-Hearts*, 1977

The United Nations is not a mere building. It is not a mere concept. It is a reality which is growing, glowing and manifesting its radiance here, there and all-where.

– Sri Chinmoy, *The Inner Role of the United Nations*, 1993

One day the world will not only treasure and cherish the soul of the United Nations, but will also claim the soul of the United Nations as its very own with enormous pride, for this soul is all-loving, all-nourishing and all-fulfilling.

– Sri Chinmoy, *The Garland of Nation-Souls*, 1972

First there was the League of Nations. Now we see the United Nations. From the United Nations we shall see a Oneness-World, and inside this Oneness-World we shall see the song of self-transcendence, world-transcendence, universal transcendence.

– Sri Chinmoy, *My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years*, 1995

The United Nations unmistakably has the soul-peace and the heart-dedication to be the first and foremost instrument of human unification.

– Sri Chinmoy, *The Garland of Nation-Souls*, 1972

A heart of peace is the dearest member of the oneness-family.

– Sri Chinmoy, Twenty-Seven Thousand Aspiration-Plants, Part 185, #18,464, 1984

One can best serve the United Nations by keeping in one's heart the main principles of the United Nations: world peace, world harmony, world transformation and world oneness.

– Sri Chinmoy, Flame-Waves, Part 9, 1978

The world is constantly evolving towards a higher standard of life. It is not moving in a straight line, but rather in a spiral. Therefore, at times this progress is not immediately noticeable. To our human mind it may seem confusing and baffling. But on the strength of our inner oneness with the world situation and world evolution, we can see unmistakably the world's slow and steady progress.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

The inner vision of the United Nations is the gift supreme. A day will dawn when the vision of the United Nations will save the world.

– Sri Chinmoy, The Tears of Nation-Hearts, 1977

What the United Nations brings to the world are the vision of peace and the promise of total perfection and total satisfaction in the oneness-world-family.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

World acceptance, world concern, world patience, world sympathy and world oneness give my life a peace-fountain-heart.

– Sri Chinmoy, Peace-Blossom-Fragrance, Part 4, #375, 1994

Mine is the wisdom-light that tells me to ask not for a lighter burden, but for a stronger heart.

– Sri Chinmoy, Ten Thousand Flower-Flames, Part 9, #900, 1981

I do not give up, I never give up, for there is nothing in this entire world that is irrevocably unchangeable.

– Sri Chinmoy, Twenty-Seven Thousand Aspiration-Plants, Part 3, #233, 1983

I acquire peace not from solitude but from my world-servitude.

– Sri Chinmoy, Peace: God's Fragrance-Heart, Part 1, #48, 1992

Here in the United Nations is where the vision of oneness took birth and sent its illumining light to the four corners of the globe.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

The role of the United Nations will not come to an end after the establishment of peace on earth. To have world peace is just the beginning; it is not and cannot be the end of human achievement. The earth also has to grow into a new light and achieve a new harmony and a new fulfilment.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

When the reality of the United Nations starts bearing fruit, then the breath of Immortality will be a living reality on earth.

– Sri Chinmoy, The Tears of Nation-Hearts, 1977

There shall come a time when this world of ours will be flooded with peace. Who will bring about this radical change? It will be you – you and your sisters and brothers – you and your oneness-heart will spread peace throughout the length and breadth of the world.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Heart's Salutation to Australia, Part 2, 1976

There is no difference between meditating for peace, light and bliss for ourselves and meditating for peace, light and bliss for the soul of the United Nations. For on the strength of our oneness we claim the body, heart and soul of the United Nations as our own. If we have this wider outlook and larger vision, then no matter for whom we pray and meditate, it is ultimately for our benefit since all human beings are part and parcel of one universal family.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

All those who are at the United Nations have definitely come to bring about peace. When we pray and meditate here, it is not only for the seekers who attend the meeting; it is for everyone. We are all members of the same world-family.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

A portion of the soul of the United Nations is inside all the people who work for the United Nations in some capacity....The soul of the United Nations dreams of a beautiful, peaceful and fruitful world in and through each individual worker at the United Nations.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

The most important aspect of your work at the United Nations should be to prove to yourself that you are a worthy member of the United Nations world-family. This you can do only by always keeping in front of you the lofty vision and powerful messages that the United Nations over the years has offered to you and which it offers to you still. You should not dwell upon its failures. You should see only its success and feel only its progress—its gradual success in its outer life of dedication and its gradual progress in its inner life of aspiration. During your daily work, try to keep in front of your mental vision the good things that the United Nations has done and what it has become—rather than what it has not done or what it is not going to accomplish.

The day shall dawn in the near or distant future when the United Nations will definitely achieve and grow into everything that is good and divine. But just because it has not achieved these things at this particular stage of its development, just because over the years it has encountered failure in some of its efforts, we cannot say that the vision of the United Nations is imperfect or that it will not succeed. No, it will succeed—slowly, steadily and unerringly. And for that, each individual member has a significant role to play according to his own inner awakening.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

When we look at the body of the United Nations, we will look with our concern; we will see that humanity is depending on the vision of the United Nations to lead it to greater progress. And when we think of the soul or the inner reality of the United Nations, we have to feel that its fulfilment can take place only on the strength of our own self-giving. We have to give ourselves to the vision and the goal that the United Nations has placed before us: world peace, world harmony and oneness-light.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

If the mind is inundated with confidence, if the heart is inundated with patience and if the vital is inundated with dynamism, then we can easily have a far-reaching vision of the United Nations.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

The soul of the United Nations will never fail. Unconditionally it will carry the body, the vital and the heart of the United Nations to the destined Goal, transforming today's vision into tomorrow's reality. And that reality will be infinitely brighter than our present-day vision can even imagine.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

Just because today there is often a yawning gulf between vision and reality, between our idea of the future and the ideal that actually awaits us, we cannot say that we shall always be doomed to failure. We cannot say that the present-day hope, which is nothing short of frustration, can never meet with the ultimate fulfilment, which is the promise from Above. No, we must continue to strive for perfection.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

Each time we pray and meditate at the United Nations, let us energise our hope. When we dive deep within, let us try to remind ourselves of the lofty promise that we are carrying. The physical in us, the vital in us, the mental in us are embodying hope. At the same time, the Divine in us is embodying promise. When hope and promise work together, fulfilment cannot remain a far cry.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

If you are flexible in your ideas, if you are adaptable to circumstances, then it is infinitely easier to manifest the truth not only here at the United Nations but everywhere. The outer reality or the outer consciousness has to be flexible so that the inner reality and inner vision can manifest itself most effectively.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

The pilots of the United Nations are serving mankind in the world arena, according to their capacity. We can also do the same type of service on a limited scale, according to the capacity we have. Our prayer has solid strength. This solid strength we can offer to them in silence, from our inner life of dedication to the world.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

Those who are awakened, those who are truly self-giving, those who are ready to serve the world body devotedly and soulfully in any capacity—no matter how insignificant from the superficial outer point of view—are the real United Nations servers. It is they who will continuously add glory to the achievements of the United Nations.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

A real member of the United Nations is he who does not forget that his is the supreme responsibility to bring to the fore the inspiring capacities and aspiring qualities of his own nation so that other nations will faithfully and gloriously be inspired to do the same. Needless to say, the divine capacities and supreme qualities of all the nations combined will fulfil the zenith-climbing longings of mankind.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

A real member of the United Nations must needs dare to dream of the precious progress of the entire world.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

A real member of the United Nations is he whose mind-pocket will never be empty of a global understanding and whose heart-pocket will never be empty of a universal concern.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

A real member of the United Nations is he whose heart and mind at once respond to his inner and outer world-concern-duties.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

A real member of the United Nations knows that if he dreams only of what will benefit his own country and neglects or ignores the needs of other countries, then his self-chosen limits will eventually disappoint him, for a happy oneness-world will remain a far cry.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

A real member of the United Nations every morning without fail wears the armour of patience-light.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

A real member of the United Nations is always most sincerely desperate for a moment's peace among the comity of nations.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

A real member of the United Nations does not believe in a permanent life of thorny uncertainties. He believes in his and others' ever-blossoming and everlasting heart-roses and their world-pleasing fragrance.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

A real member of the United Nations is he who offers every day his own heart's blossoming receptivity to all nations.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

A real member of the United Nations offers his heart's gratitude-flames to his own country for being asked to represent its lofty aspiration and dedication to the world community. He is also grateful to all the other nations for making him fully acquainted with their teeming wants and needs.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

A real member of the United Nations carries in his heart-pocket a valid visa to humanity's oneness-heart.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

A real member of the United Nations is he whose self-offering joy surprises the entire world.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

A real member of the United Nations is he who sends every morning beauty's peace around the world.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

A real member of the United Nations is he who knows that his wisdom-knowledge-light and sympathetic understanding of other nations will never lose on the battlefield of misunderstanding.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

A real member of the United Nations is a true lover of the United Nations soul and a true server of the United Nations body.

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

A real member of the United Nations makes very clear his soulful request to all nations: "Embrace the truth; then only can you fulfil the countless needs of all countries."

– Sri Chinmoy, My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, 1995

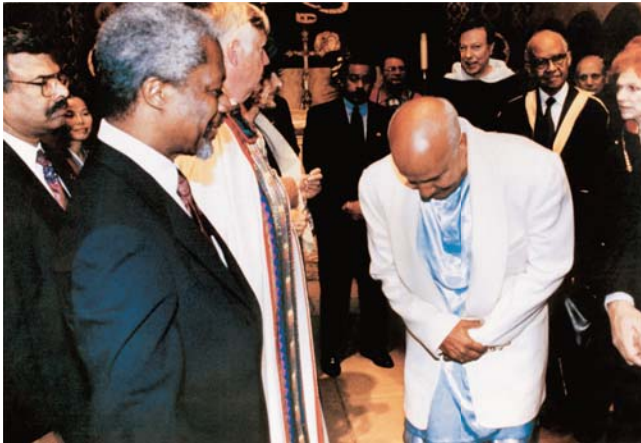
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Sri Chinmoy offers UN Secretary-General U Thant a bouquet of flowers at a meeting with the Secretary-General at UN Headquarters in New York on 29 February 1972, when U Thant said, “Whoever speaks to me about you is all appreciation and admiration, and I personally feel that you have been doing a most significant task for the United Nations. Please feel my sincere respect and sincere concern for what you are doing for mankind.”



Sri Chinmoy presents an award to UN Secretary-General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar in Paris on 26 May 2005, when the Secretary-General said, “I am deeply honoured to receive this Award from Sri Chinmoy, a very distinguished and loved friend for many, many years. What is happening to me now is that I am receiving the inspiration of Sri Chinmoy, who is actually, I would say, the heart of the United Nations – because in all the years I was Secretary-General, and even before I was Secretary-General, he was always with us. Even if he was not present, his message was with us, and we were, as I said before, being inspired by him.”



Above: UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan greets Sri Chinmoy at a Solemn Interfaith Service of Commitment to the Work of the UN honouring the Secretary-General, held at St. Bartholomew’s Church in New York City on 25 April 1997.



Sri Chinmoy presents a book of his dedicated to the United Nations to UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali on 21 November 1996 at an Interfaith Ceremony held at UN Headquarters in honour of World Thanksgiving.

Below: The Secretary-General joins as Sri Chinmoy gives the silent invocation for the Interfaith Service. On 22 September 2000, Kofi Annan wrote to Sri Chinmoy: “Let me take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your 30 years of dedication to the United Nations. Through your prayers, meditations, concerts and global ‘Peace Run’, your work has linked peace-lovers in more than 100 countries and complemented that of the world Organization.”



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At the opening reception of an exhibition at the UN of Sri Chinmoy's "Paintings for World Harmony" on 3 April 2006, Sri Chinmoy greets Jan Eliasson, President of the 60th session of the UN General Assembly (and later UN Deputy Secretary-General, 2012-2016). After receiving an award from Sri Chinmoy on 17 May 2006, Jan Eliasson said, "You have played an important role already, and you are going to play an important role because the values for which you stand and the message for which you stand are timeless and will go beyond the present...I want to pay my respects to you and assure you that your message is extremely powerful and that it will continue to last in this world. We need this message. We need to work for peace. We need to work for development, and we need to work for a life in dignity for all."



Pope Paul VI meets with Sri Chinmoy at the Vatican on 22 March 1972, when the Pontiff said, "This meeting of ours has been most essential. Your message and mine are the same. When we both leave this world, you and I, we will meet together."



Pope John Paul II meets with Sri Chinmoy at the Vatican on 30 November 1988, when the Pontiff said, "I am very grateful for your visit. God bless you and all your contemplative activities."



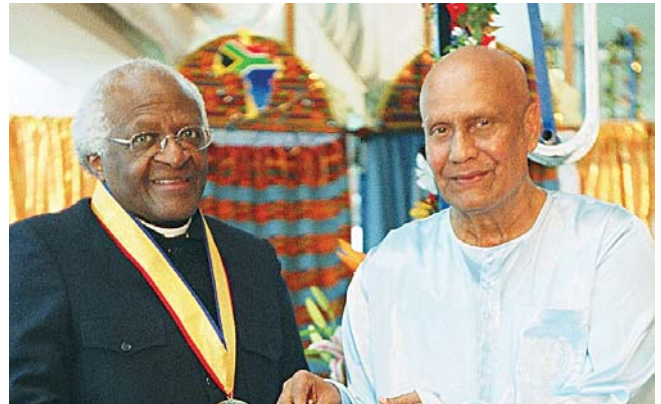
President Mikhail Gorbachev and Raisa Maximovna meet with Sri Chinmoy on 16 October 1994 in New York. On 15 August 2001, President Gorbachev wrote to Sri Chinmoy: "Your enormous and significant activities are helping people to live better lives in peace, friendship and love... Everyone knows and highly appreciates your work at the United Nations. Indeed, you are connected with the whole world, and your work is to foster peace-making efforts and the spiritual development of humanity... Whatever you dedicate yourself to – art, music, poetry, drawing – all this is connected with peace, peace amongst people and peace amongst nations."



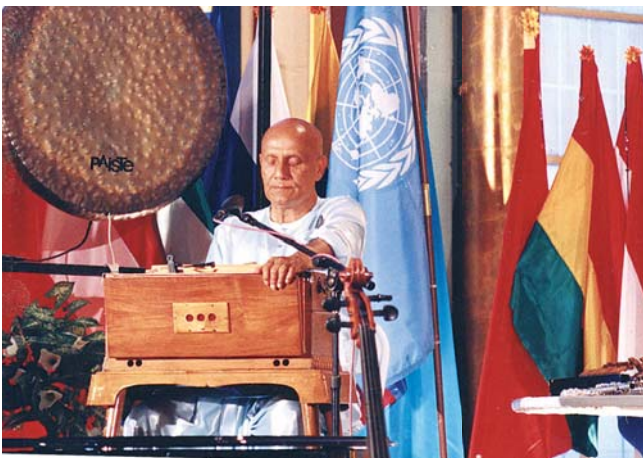
President Nelson Mandela and First Lady Graça Machel meet with Sri Chinmoy on 20 September 1998 in New York. On 10 July 2000 President Mandela wrote to Sri Chinmoy: "During the past 30 years, countless numbers of United Nations ambassadors and staff have experienced your Peace Meditation at the United Nations. Your spiritual activities have contributed to raising the standard of humanity to new heights. I am proud of the fact that South Africa is one of the 60 [now 152] countries which have dedicated themselves and their people to fostering peace and friendship as Sri Chinmoy Peace-Blossoms-Nations."



Mother Teresa meets with Sri Chinmoy on 1 October 1994 at the Missionaries of Charity House in Rome, when Mother Teresa told Sri Chinmoy, "I am so pleased with all the good work you are doing for world peace and for people in so many countries. May we continue to work together and to share together all for the glory of God and for the good of man."



Sri Chinmoy presents an award to Archbishop Desmond Tutu at a meeting in New York on 16 March 2004, when the Archbishop said, "You are part of the spiritual force of love that emanates from God and which will transform the evil of this world into its counterpart. Thank you for persisting and going on, going on. Perhaps the world continues in existence only because of people like yourselves who help to hold it in being."

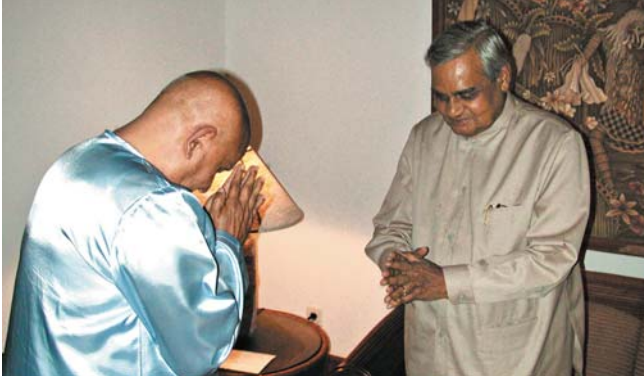


Sri Chinmoy performs his music on fifty instruments from various nations at a Peace Concert held in the UN General Assembly Hall Lobby on 23 May 1995, one of fifty free Concerts that he offered at the UN and other venues around the world throughout 1995 to commemorate the UN's 50th Anniversary.



Princess Diana meets with Sri Chinmoy at Kensington Palace on 21 May 1997. On 21 July 1997 Princess Diana wrote to Sri Chinmoy: "I know that you too strive to ease unnecessary suffering and indeed, have helped many, many people...I thank you for your generosity of spirit and send to you my heartfelt best wishes." On 7 August 1997 the Princess wrote: "Your letters are so enormously encouraging. It is through this encouragement that I find the strength to continue with the fight against landmines, which is so vitally important to me..."

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Sri Chinmoy presents the U Thant Peace Award to Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on 13 January 1999 at a meeting in Bali, Indonesia. Starting in 1982, Sri Chinmoy offered this award to individuals and organizations who exemplified the lofty spiritual ideals of the late Secretary-General in their efforts towards world peace.



Sri Chinmoy presents to Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina a song he had composed in her honour, at a reception she was hosting at UN Headquarters in New York on 17 September 1999.



Sri Chinmoy with Vladimir Petrovsky, UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, and later Director-General of the UN Office at Geneva, and his wife, Mira, at a special function in Jamaica Hills, New York, in 1992. On 27 October 2007, Vladimir Petrovsky wrote: "Sri Chinmoy was convinced that true outer peace had to start with the inner peace of the individual. He has expressed this philosophy of peace in countless books, songs and paintings. His creative works, together with his multifarious peace-initiatives like the humanitarian relief operations, the Peace Concerts and the World Harmony Run represent an immense source of inspiration, wisdom, strength and practical guidance to people of all social, cultural and religious backgrounds. I regard Sri Chinmoy's work as one of the real treasures of the 20th and 21st centuries; probably the most powerful pillar of a culture of peace that currently exists."



Sri Chinmoy honours Anwarul Karim Chowdhury and his wife, Mariam, at a special dinner in Jamaica Hills, New York. As keynote speaker at the Celebration of the Life of Sri Chinmoy held at the United Nations on 30 October 2007, Anwarul Chowdhury, former Ambassador of Bangladesh to the UN, and UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative, said: "He is the finest example of a person who has a true vision of peace and one who has untiringly and selflessly inspired peace all over the world. He worked tirelessly to bring the different faiths together, and inspired many to emulate his example. An ardent supporter of the United Nations, Sri Chinmoy reminded all of us time and again not to lose sight of the soul of the United Nations."

Songs of Peace by Sri Chinmoy



The Sri Chinmoy Bhajan Singers, led by Ranjana Ghose, and members of the Peace Meditation Choir join tabla Maestro Samir Chatterjee and acclaimed vocalist Sanghamitra Chatterjee in performing Sri Chinmoy's Bengali songs for a Concert at the UN hosted by Indian Ambassador Hardeep Singh Puri on 12 April 2011.

For over three decades, the Bhajan Singers have offered numerous concerts of Sri Chinmoy's music at the UN, kindly sponsored by Ambassadors from many different countries.



Above: The Sri Chinmoy Bhajan Singers, led by Ranjana Ghose, sing some of Sri Chinmoy's Bengali songs for a programme at the UN on 26 September 2014 hosted by Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Bangladesh joining the United Nations. Displayed behind the singers are reproductions of Sri Chinmoy's paintings dedicated to world harmony.

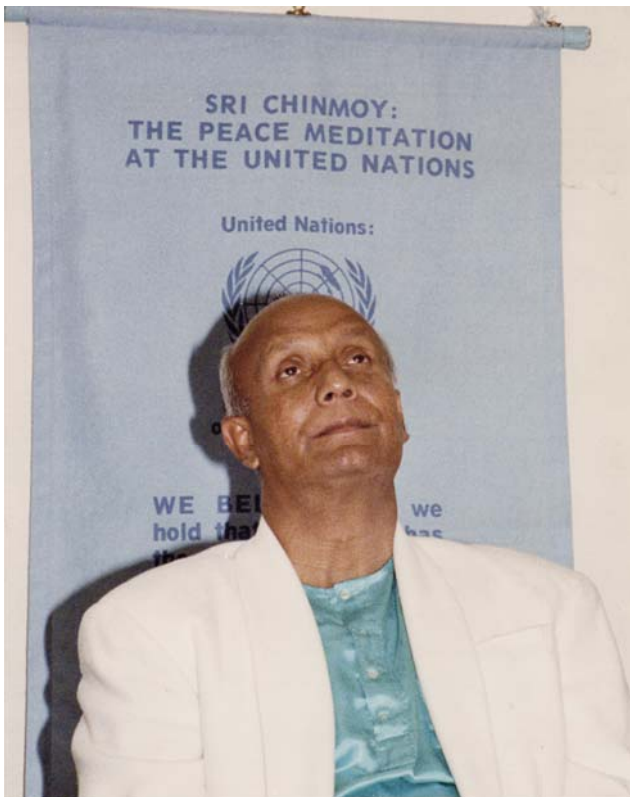
Below: Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina thanks the singers at the end of the programme, after joining with them in singing one of the Bengali songs.



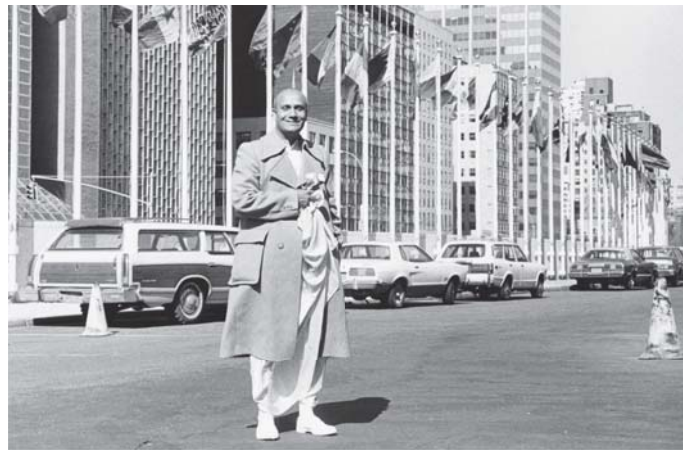
The Peace Meditation Choir performs an arrangement of Sri Chinmoy's songs for the UN at a programme entitled "Yoga and the UN Culture of Peace," hosted by Nepalese Ambassador Durga Prasad Bhattarai on 28 October 2016 in the ECOSOC Chamber at UN Headquarters.



The Peace Meditation Choir performs Sri Chinmoy's songs in Bengali and English during an International Mother Language Day celebration held on 21 February 2017 at UN Headquarters, co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh, Hungary, Mauritius, Peru and Vanuatu, in collaboration with the UN Secretariat and UNESCO Office in New York, as well as the Office of the Mayor of New York City.



Sri Chinmoy meditates for peace at the United Nations during a meeting of the Peace Meditation Group.



Sri Chinmoy in front of the flags outside UN Headquarters in New York, circa 1970s.



At the reception for an exhibit of Sri Chinmoy's paintings at UN Headquarters in New York in 2006, (*seated on the dais, left to right*) the artist Sri Chinmoy; special guests UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative Anwarul Chowdhury and his wife, Mariam; Master of Ceremonies Vijaya Claxton; and Satya Vishwanath, co-founder of Vision of Asia and ITV (*not visible*), listen as Ranjana K. Ghose, Director, Jharna-Kala Art Foundation, addresses the audience.

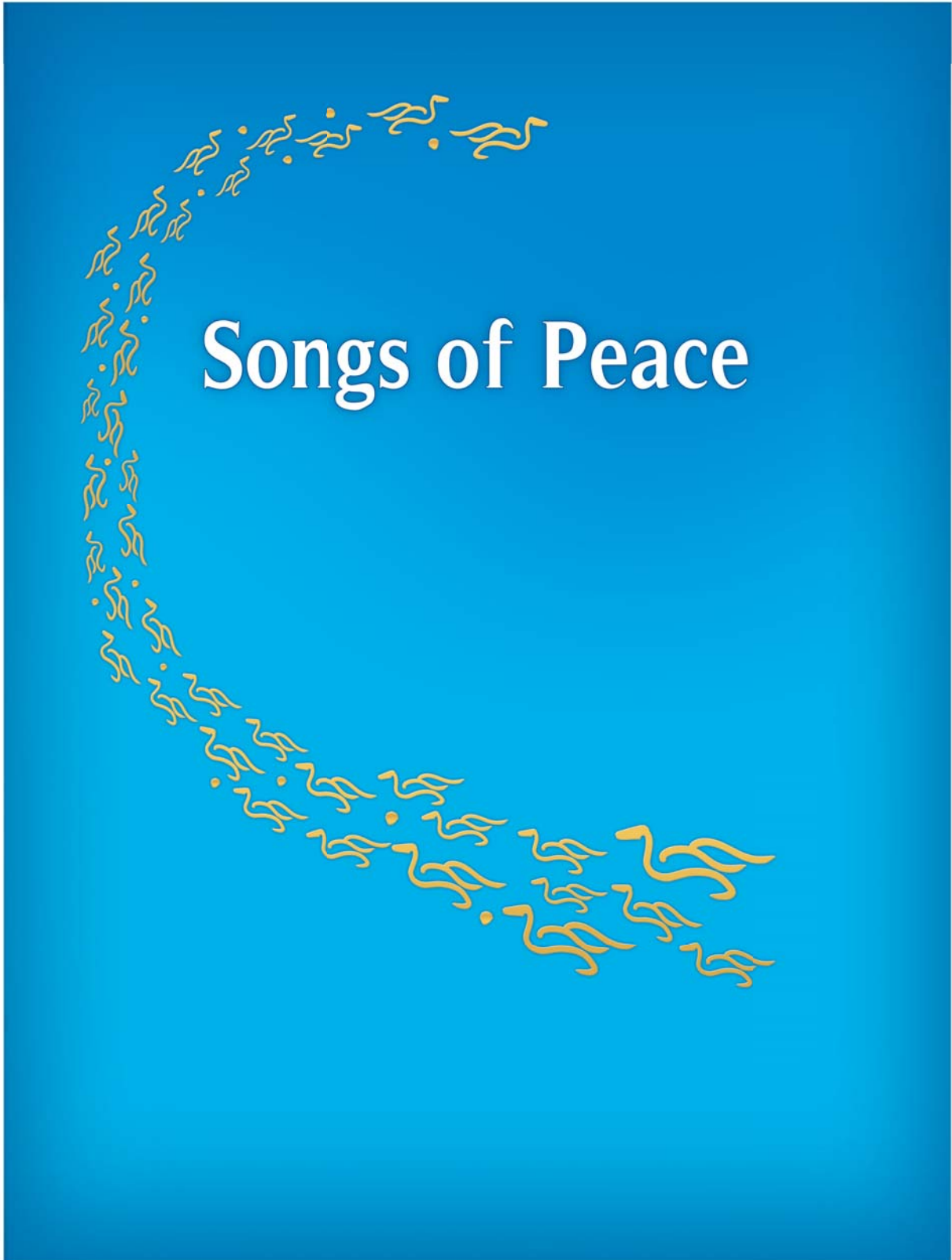


Dr. Julian Raby, Director of the Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., speaking at the opening reception of the 2008 exhibit of Sri Chinmoy's Paintings for World Harmony at UN Headquarters in New York, as Ramu Damodaran of the UN Department of Public Information and Master of Ceremonies Vijaya Claxton look on.

Other participating representatives of museums included the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Asia Society Museum, the Newark Museum, the Children's Museum and the Princeton University Art Museum.



An exhibit of Sri Chinmoy's Paintings for World Peace and Harmony was on display from 6 to 16 June 2017 at the Palais des Nations, United Nations Office at Geneva, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh in Geneva, with support from the Cultural Diplomacy and Outreach Section of the UN Office at Geneva, in collaboration with the Jharna-Kala Art Foundation. At the opening reception is (*from left to right*) Bangladesh Ambassador Shameem Ahsan; Francesco Pisano, Chief of the Cultural Diplomacy and Outreach Section and Head of the UN Library; Tegla Loroupe, UN Ambassador of Sport; Ranjana Ghose, curator of the exhibit and Director of the Jharna-Kala Art Foundation; and Nilima Silver, Peace Meditation Group liaison.



Songs dedicated to the United Nations and the World Community

Over the course of his 37 years of service to the United Nations, Sri Chinmoy wrote hundreds of songs dedicated to the vision and mission of the UN, and a selection of these compositions is published in this volume in honour of the upcoming 75th anniversary of the world organization. Sri Chinmoy taught these songs to the members of the Peace Meditation Group, and the choir performed them on numerous occasions at UN Headquarters in New York and at other venues.

In addition to those for the United Nations and the world community, Sri Chinmoy wrote songs for special events, as noted on some of the compositions; for those serving the world body in various capacities; and for Funds and Agencies, such as UNICEF and UNESCO. He also wrote a series of songs in his native Bengali, setting to music some of his own English translations.

1. O United Nations

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
August 3, 1975

♩ = 120 Moderate-fast

O _____ O _____

U--- ni - ted _____ Na----- tions, _____

O _____ U N, U N, U _____ N, *fine*

O _____ O _____

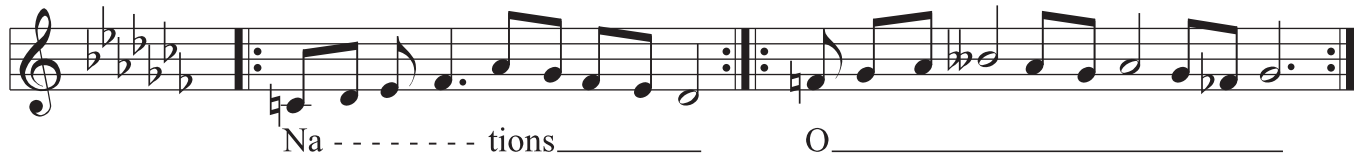
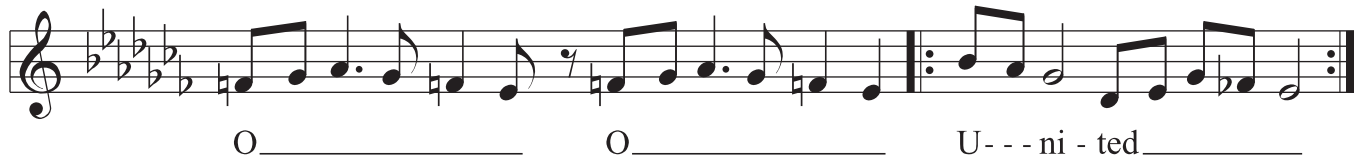
You are the world - bo - - - - - dy cry - - - - - ing

for the world - soul.

And you are the earth - life

long-ing for one - - ness, one - - ness, one - - ness - goal.

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D.C. al fine with repeats.

O United Nations, O UN,
 You are the world-body
 Crying for the world-soul.
 And you are the earth-life
 Longing for oneness-goal.
 O United Nations, O UN,
 In the heart of your glowing dream,
 Big brothers and brothers small
 Shall smile, sing and dance,
 O Vision-Perfection in all!

— Sri Chinmoy

3. I Pray for You

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
First printed in 1977

$\text{♩} = 58$ Slow



I pray__ for you O U_____ N soul.



I pray__ for your Vic---t'ry's gol---den crown._____



Your sun shall burst_____ our bon---dage__-frown.



No__ cry, no__ sigh, no__ dark - ness - role._____

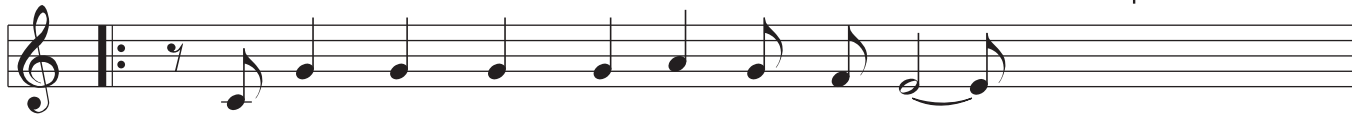
D.C. al fine without repeats.

I pray for you
O UN soul.
I pray for your
Victory's golden crown.
Your sun shall burst
Our bondage-frown.
No cry, no sigh,
No darkness-role.

4. O Wilson's League of Nations

♩ = 120 Moderate

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
First printed in 1977



O Wil - son's League of Na - tions pure, _____



No more your dream _____ re - - - mains ob - - - scure. _____



Be - hold your tree, its fruit _____ and _____ flo - - - - - wer,



Danc - - - - - ing in _____ the _____ world of one - - - - - ness - hour. _____

D.C. al fine without repeat.

O Wilson's League of Nations pure,
No more your dream remains obscure.
Behold your tree, its fruit and flower,
Dancing in the world of oneness-hour.

5. O Body of the World (1)

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
First printed in 1977

♩ = 120 Moderate



D.C. al fine without repeat.

O body of the world,
O soul of the world,
In you the nest
Of cosmic oneness-rest.
Yours is the nectar-role.
Our souls desire to grow
In your duty's vision-glow.

The Peace Meditation Group choir was invited to perform this song at the UN World Environment Day programme held at the UN on 4 June 1977.


7. I Know You Surely Can

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
First printed in 1977


♩ = 112 Moderate



U__ N, U__ N, U__ N! I know you sure - - ly__ can *fine*



Faster Trans-----form the__ hu---man face,____ *a tempo*



Il-----lume____ the____ earth - - ly__ race



And strike the Hour____ Su-----preme



To clasp your Pro - - - mise - Dream._____

D.C. al fine without repeats.

UN, UN, UN!
I know you surely can
Transform the human face,
Illume the earthly race
And strike the Hour Supreme
To clasp your Promise-Dream.

8. With You Began

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
First printed in 1977

♩ = 120 Moderate-fast



U___ N, U N! with___ you be - gan



A ful - ness - cry_____ in___ one - - - ness - sky.____



For you___ I see a flood_____ - ec - - - sta - - - sy.

UN, UN!
With you began
A fulness-cry
In oneness-sky.
For you I see
A flood-ecstasy.

9. Our Ascending Hope

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
First printed in 1977

♩ = 116 Moderate



U__ N, U__ N, U__ N! You__ are__ our__ a - - scend - ing hope.



You__ are__ our__ spread - ing__ scope. The me - teor - speed__ of__ your__ boat



Is touch - ing the shore re - - - - - mote. Your vic - t'ry's flo - - - wer - light



Shows us the__ Si - lence - Height, - Height.

D.C. al fine without repeat.

UN, UN, UN!
You are our ascending hope.
You are our spreading scope.
The meteor-speed of your boat
Is touching the shore remote.
Your victory's flower-light
Shows us the Silence-Height.

10. The Lord's Sun-Vision Plan

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
First printed in 1977

♩ = 88 Moderate-slow

U N, U N, U N, U N!

You are the Lord's Sun___ - Vi - - - sion Plan.

We know your soul, its beau - - - ty's___ flow,

A world - bo - - dy's trans - - lu - - - cent glow._____

UN, UN, UN, UN!
You are the Lord's Sun-Vision Plan.
We know your soul, its beauty's flow,
A world-body's translucent glow.

11. Our UN Soul

♩ = 88 Moderate

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
First printed in 1977



We know_ our U N soul_____ and its God-de - creed role._____



We know our U N life_____



that braves ig - nor - ance - knife._____



We know our U N cry:_____



a quest for the one - - - - - ness - sky._____

D.C. al fine without repeat.

We know our UN soul
And its God-decreed role.
We know our UN life
That braves ignorance-knife.
We know our UN cry:
A quest for the oneness-sky.

13. They Say

♩ = 88 Moderate-slow

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
First printed in 1977



They say, U__ N is pu - - - ny, weak__ and__ poor.__



I say, have they mea - - sured its sky - heart door?_____



They say, fee - - - ble is the__ U__ N voice.



I say,__ U__ N our__ Fa - - - - - ther's con - stant_ Choice.

They say, UN is puny, weak and poor.
I say, have they measured its sky-heart door?
They say, feeble is the UN voice.
I say, UN our Father's constant Choice.

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Sri Chinmoy wrote the following seven Bengali songs in honour of UN Day, 24 October 1981, the United Nations thirty-sixth anniversary. In most cases, the English translations are also set to music.

14. United Nations! Tumi Dharanir

Words, Music and Translation
by Sri Chinmoy
October 17, 1981

♩ = 126 Moderate-fast

fine



U - - - ni - - - - - ted Na - - - tions, Na - - - - tions!



Tu - mi dhā - rā - nir sār - - - - - bot - - - - - tām



ā - - - - - shā Ek de - hā prān mān hi - - - yā



bhā - - - lo - bā - - - - - sā - bā - - - sā



Tu - mi dhā - rā - nir sār - - - - - bot - - - - - tām



ā - - - - - shā Ek de - hā prān mān hi - - - yā



bhā - - - lo - bā - - - - - sā - bā - - - sā

United Nations, United Nations!
Tumi dharanir sarbottam asha
Ek deha pran man hiya bhalobasa

United Nations, United Nations!
You are the world's hope par excellence.
One body, one vital, one mind, one heart –
A oneness-radiance.

D.C. al fine

16. United Nations! Tomare Je Nahi Chahe

Words, Music and Translation
by Sri Chinmoy
October 17, 1981

$\text{♩} = 100$ Moderate *fine*

The musical score consists of seven staves of music in a single system. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Moderate' with a quarter note equal to 100 beats. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with 'fine'. The second and fourth staves have repeat signs at the beginning. The seventh staff ends with 'D.C. al fine'.

U - - - - ni - - - ted Na - - - tions, U - - - - ni - - - ted Na - - - tions!

To-mā-re je nā-hi chā- - - he Ā-mā joy_ se je gā- - - he

To - mā - re je nā - - hi chā - - - he Ā - mā joy_ se je gā - - - he

To-mā-re je rā - - - khe du - - - - - re du - - - - - re

Thā - ke ā - shān-ti_ pu - - - - - re pu - - - - - re

To - mā - re je rā - - - khe du - - - - - re du - - - - - re

Thā - ke ā - shān - ti_ pu - - - - - re pu - - - - - re

D.C. al fine

United Nations, United Nations!
Tomare je nahi chahe
Ama joy se je gahe
Tomare je rakhe dure
Thake ashanti pure

United Nations, United Nations!
He who wants you not,
Darkness-victory sings.
He who shuns you,
In misery-city is caught.

17. United Nations! He Who Wants You Not

♩ = 120 Moderate

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
October 1981

fine



U - - - - ni - ted Na - - - - tions, U - - - - ni - ted Na - - - - tions!



He who wants you not, _____ Dark-ness-vic-t'ry sings. _____



He who wants you not, _____ Dark-ness - vic - t'ry sings. _____



He who shuns you, _____ In mi - - se - - ry - ci - - - - - ty is _____ caught. _



He who shuns you, _____ In mi - - se - - ry - ci - - - - - ty is _____ caught. _

D.C. al fine

United Nations, United Nations!
He who wants you not,
Darkness-victory sings.
He who shuns you,
In misery-city is caught.

18. United Nations! Ekata Swapan

Words, Music and Translation
by Sri Chinmoy
October 17, 1981

♩ = 120 Moderate-fast

fine



U - - - - ni - - - - ted Na - - - - tions, U - - - - ni - - - - ted Na - - - - tions!



E - kã - tã swã - pãn shãk - - - ti tã - pãn Ā - - - - nãn - dã bi - - chi mã - lã



Hri - dãy kã - ri - che ā - - - - - - - - - lã



E - kã - tã swã - pãn shãk - - - ti tã - pãn Ā - - - - nãn - dã bi - - chi mã - lã



Hri - dãy kã - ri - che ā - - - - - - - - - lã

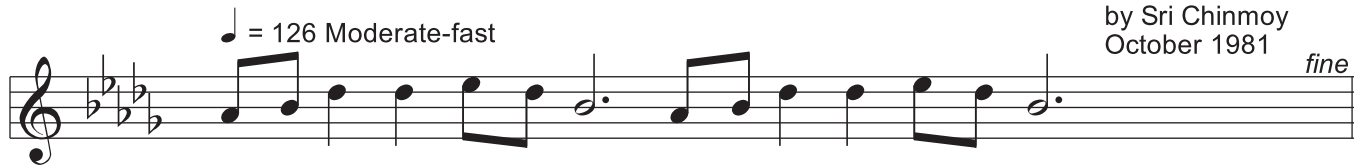
D.C. al fine

United Nations, United Nations!
Ekata swapan shakti tapan
Ananda bichi mala
Hriday kariche ala

United Nations, United Nations!
O unity-dream, O power-sun,
O ecstasy-ocean,
My heart of Light supreme!

19. United Nations! O Unity-Dream

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
October 1981



U - - - - ni - ted Na - - - - tions, U - - - - ni - ted Na - - - - tions!



O u - ni - ty - - - - - dream, - - - - - O - - - - - po - wer - sun, - - - - -



O - - - - - ec - - - - - sta - - - - - sy - o - - - - - cean, - - - - -



My heart of Light - - - - - su - - - - - preme!



O u - ni - ty - - - - - dream, - - - - - O - - - - - po - - - - - wer - sun, - - - - -



O - - - - - ec - - - - - sta - - - - - sy - o - - - - - cean, - - - - -



My heart of Light - - - - - su - - - - - preme!

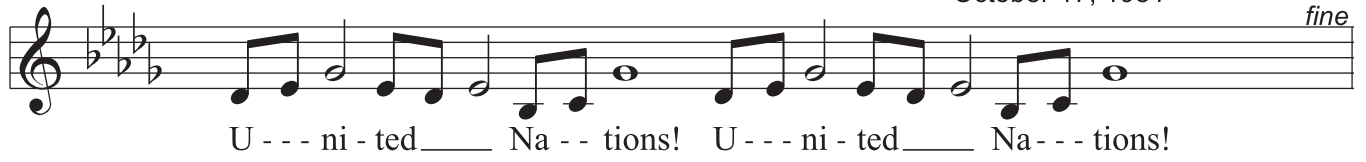
D.C. al fine

United Nations, United Nations!
O unity-dream, O power-sun,
O ecstasy-ocean,
My heart of Light supreme!

20. United Nations! Tiyasha Gabhir

Words, Music and Translation
by Sri Chinmoy
October 17, 1981

♩ = 118 Moderate-fast



D.C. al fine

United Nations, United Nations!
Tiyasha gabhir shantir nir
Hasi nirjhar abhoy amar
Paramer hema dipti
Paramer sudha tripti

United Nations, United Nations!
Immensity-thirst, tranquility-nest,
Fountain-smile omnipotence!
O Creator's golden Light
And His Satisfaction-Delight!

22. United Nations! Hethai Hothai

Words, Music and Translation
by Sri Chinmoy
October 18, 1981

♩ = 126 Moderate-fast

U - - - ni - ted ___ Na - - - - - - - - - - tions, U - - - ni - ted ___ Na - - - - - - - - - - tions!

He - thāi ho - thāi hi - yā ān - gi - nāi Ek ___ prem ___ bān - - - - - - - - - - dhān

He - thāi ho - thāi hi - yā ān - gi - nāi Ek ___ prem ___ bān - - - - - - - - - - dhān

Sām - yer pri - - ti oik - yer gi - - ti Mă - dhu - ri - mā ___ năr - - - - - - - - - - tăn

Sām - yer pri - ti oik - yer gi - - ti Mă - dhu - ri - mā ___ năr - - - - - - - - - - tăn

D.C. al fine

United Nations, United Nations!
Hethai hothai hiya anginai
Ek prem bandhan
Samyer priti oikyey giti
Madhurima nartan

United Nations, United Nations!
Here and there and all-where,
One corridor-core,
And a bond of precious love.
Equality and unity-song,
Sweetness-dance and power-gong.

23. United Nations! Bishwase Ashwas

Words, Music and Translation
by Sri Chinmoy
October 18, 1981



U - - - - ni - ted _____ Na - - - - - - - - - - tions! *fine*



Bi-shwā-se ā - shwās ā - shwā-se ni - shās ni - shā-se ā - - - - - - - - - - bhi - nāsh__



Bhā - shār__ jo - ār ā - shār__ pā - thār



Bi-shwā-se ā - - shwās ā - shwā-se ni - shās ni - shā-se ā - - - - - - - - - - bhi - nāsh__



Bhā - shār__ jo - ār ā - shār__ pā - thār



Nā - hi mo - hā pās__ nā - he ke - hā dās__ Su - re su - re ul - - - - - - - - - - lās



Nā - hi mo - hā pās__ nā - he ke - hā dās__ Su - re su - re ul - - - - - - - - - - lās

D.C. al fine with repeat.

United Nations, United Nations!
Bishwase ashwas
Ashwase nishas
Nishase abhinash
Bhashar joar ashar pathar
Nahi moha pas
Nahe keha das
Sure sure ullas

United Nations, United Nations!
Hope abides in faith,
Life abides in hope,
No death, no death in life.
All hearts ring true in oneness-flow.
No more bondage, no more.
No more slave-pangs, no more.
Ecstasy-melody reigns supreme.

26. UN Soul Pakhi

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
April 3, 1990

♩ = 144 Fast



U N soul *pā - khi*, U N soul *pā - khi*, pra-yer-ful - - - ly



to - māi _____ *dā - ki* _____



To-mār one - ness - vi - - sion - gi - ti We sing, - we sing - *di - - ye pri-ti*.



To - mār mes - sage - light _____ *chhā* - - - - - *rā* - - - - - *bo*.



To - mār vic - - - - - t'ry - ban - - - - - ner



u - - - - - *rā* - - - - - *bo* _____

Sing once with repeats,
once without repeats,
then D.C. al fine with repeat.

UN soul *pakhi*, UN soul *pakhi*,
Prayerfully *tomai daki*.
Tomar oneness-vision-giti
We sing, we sing *diye priti*.
Tomar message-light *chharabo*.
Tomar victory-banner *urabo*.

O UN soul-bird, UN soul-bird,
Prayerfully we invoke you.
Your oneness-vision-song
We sing, we sing, offering our affection-love.
Your message-light we shall spread.
Your victory-banner we shall fly.

— Translation by a Bengali student of Sri Chinmoy



27. One World - One Dream - One Reality (1)

Composed for the 50th anniversary of the United Nations

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
February 3, 1995

♩ = 138 Moderate-fast



O my U - ni - ted _____ Na - - - - - tions,



Quick and slow, _ y - oung and old, _ fif - ty years _ y - - - - - ou _ are.



Fif - ty mil - li - on dreams _ - sweet, sweet - er, sweet - - est,



Pure, pur - er, pur - - - est, Deep, deep - er, deep - - est,



High, high - er, high - - est - y - - - - ou _ trea - - - sure.



But on - ly one dream _ _ _ _ you needs must ful - fil: _ _ _ _



Your world - jus - tice - peace - - dream - - tree (ee) _ _ _ _ must blos - som



in - - - - - to world - re - a - li - - - - ty - flo - wers and fruits. _ _ _ _

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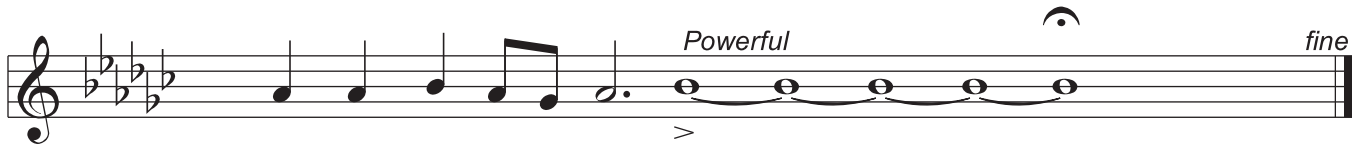
God gave you His _____ In - fi - ni - ty's Dream: _____ Peace. _____



Can you not give _____ Him



Y - our di - vine - ly and _____ su - - - preme - ly



ful - filled re - a - li - ty: Bliss? _____

One World - One Dream - One Reality

O my United Nations,
Quick and slow, young and old,
Fifty years you are.
Fifty million dreams –
Sweet, sweeter, sweetest,
Pure, purer, purest,
Deep, deeper, deepest,
High, higher, highest – you treasure.
But only one dream you needs must fulfil:
Your world-justice-peace-dream-tree must blossom
Into world-reality-flowers and fruits.
God gave you His Infinity's Dream: Peace.
Can you not give Him
Your divinely and supremely fulfilled reality: Bliss?

— Sri Chinmoy

Performed during many of fifty Peace Concerts offered by Sri Chinmoy throughout 1995 to commemorate the UN's 50th anniversary. These free concerts were held at the United Nations and other venues around the world. Song title by Sri Chinmoy.

28. One World - One Dream - One Reality (2)

Composed for the 50th anniversary of the United Nations

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
August 3, 1995

$\text{♩} = 132$ Moderate-fast



O _____ U-----ni - ted _____ Na-----tions,



Fif - ty years _____ y-----ou _____ are. Fif - ty mil - li - on dreams - _____



Sweet, sweet - er, sweet - - est, Pure, pur - er, pur - - est, Deep, deep - er, deep - - est,



High, high - er, high - - est - y - ou trea - - - - - sure.



But on - ly one dream _____ y - ou needs must _____ ful - - - - - fil:



Your world - jus - tice - peace - dream _____ - tree _____



must _____ blos - - som in - - - - to world - re - - - - a - - li - ty - flo - - wers



and _____ fruits _____ - peace.

One World - One Dream - One Reality


O United Nations,
Fifty years you are.
Fifty million dreams –
Sweet, sweeter, sweetest,
Pure, purer, purest,
Deep, deeper, deepest,
High, higher, highest – you treasure.
But only one dream you needs must fulfil:
Your world-justice-peace-dream-tree must blossom
Into world-reality-flowers and fruits – peace.

— *Sri Chinmoy*

Performed during many of fifty Peace Concerts offered by Sri Chinmoy throughout 1995 to commemorate the UN's 50th anniversary. These free concerts were held at the United Nations and other venues around the world. Song title by Sri Chinmoy.


Songs of Peace by Sri Chinmoy

(slower)




O _____ no - bi - - - - li - ty - sea, _____

(a tempo)



O _____ cham - - - - pi - - - - on - dream - - - - - er _____ of _____



One - Na - tion _____ - Fa - - - - - mi - - - - - ly! _____

D.C. al fine without repeat.

President of the General Assembly!
You are your fruitful heart of oneness-tree.
Each nation has a special hunger-need.
You long to feed their needs, and succeed.
O courage-flood, O nobility-sea,
O champion-dreamer of One-Nation-Family!

— Sri Chinmoy

First performed at a programme of the Peace Meditation Group held at the UN honouring the President of the 35th session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Rüdiger von Wechmar (Germany), on 9 January 1981. Performed over the years in tribute to other Presidents of the General Assembly, including H.E. Mr. Imre Hollai, Hungary (37th session); H.E. Mr. Jorge Illueca, Panama (38th session); H.E. Mr. Humayun Rasheed Choudhury, Bangladesh (41st session); H.E. Mr. Guido de Marco, Malta (45th session); H.E. Mr. Stoyan Ganev, Bulgaria (47th session); H.E. Amara Essy, Côte d'Ivoire (49th session); H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson, Sweden (60th session); and H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, Qatar (66th session).

31. Excellencies!

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
May 11, 2001

♩ = 120 Fast



Ex - cel - len - - cies, Ex - cel - len - - cies, Ex - cel - len - cies! _____

♩ = 100 A little slower



Sleep - less - ly your hearts dream of world _____ peace. _____

♩ = 180 Faster



You are your coun - tries' light _____ and _____ pride. _____



Dear - ly you love world - one - ness - ride. _____

Sing once with repeats,
once without repeats,
then D.C. al fine with repeat.

Excellencies, Excellencies, Excellencies!
Sleeplessly your hearts dream of world peace.
You are your countries' light and pride.
Dearly you love world-oneness-ride.

Song composed and performed for an event honouring Ambassadors to the UN on 12 May 2001.
Sri Chinmoy lifted the guests overhead on an honorary platform as part of the "Lifting Up the
World with a Oneness-Heart" programme.

32. I Am a Special UN Service-Eye

♩ = 138 Moderate-fast

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
May 10, 2006



I am a spe - cial U N ser - - - - - vice - eye.



In the heart-sky of my U N I fly. _____



The U N good deeds feed my life and soul. _____



No U N, no sweet dream of glo - bal peace - - - - - goal.

Sing once with repeats,
once without repeats,
then D.C. al fine with repeat.

I am a special UN service-eye.
In the heart-sky of my UN I fly.
The UN good deeds feed my life and soul.
No UN, no sweet dream of global peace-goal.

Song composed and performed for an event honouring UN Safety and Security officers on 10 May 2005. Sri Chinmoy lifted the officers overhead on an honorary platform as part of the "Lifting Up the World with a Oneness-Heart" programme.

33. UNICEF

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
March 17, 1977

♩ = 112 Moderate



U - - - - NI - CEF, _____



O ___ mo - - ther and child, O _____ sweet - - ness ___ sea,



O beau - ty - flo - - - - wer and _____ du - - - ty ___ - tree!



You are your glow - - ing eyes ___ of light, _____



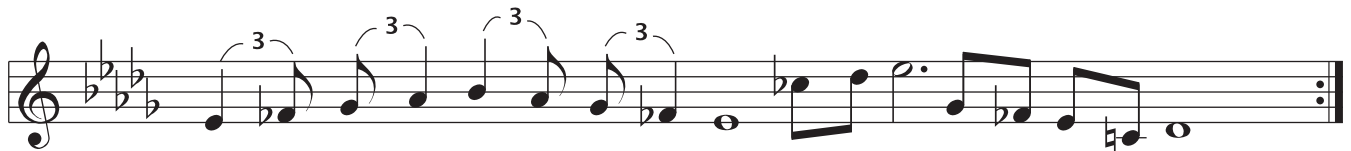
You are your lov - - - - - ing one - - - - - ness - height. _



You are your soar - - - - - ing ful - - - fil - - ment - dream, _____



A true tri - - - - - umph of ___ the _____



Lord _____ Su - - - - - preme. _____

UNICEF, UNICEF,
O mother and child,
O sweetness-sea,
O beauty-flower and duty-tree!
You are your glowing eyes of light,
You are your loving oneness-height.
You are your soaring fulfilment-dream,
A true triumph of the Lord Supreme.

— *Sri Chinmoy*

Song composed and first performed for a special meditation offered by Sri Chinmoy for UNICEF staff, held on 17 March 1977.

34. O UNESCO!

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
June 19, 1989

$\text{♩} = 132$ Moderate-fast



O _____ U - - - NES - - CO! Need - - ed y - - - - ou _____ are



With - in, with - out, from_ near _____ and _____ far. _____



Know - ledge, sci - - ence, cul - - - - ture _____ light



Y - ou be - - - - - stow on _____ ig - - - - no - rance - night.



You are your heart's hope _____ fra - grance - flow - - - - - er.



You are your soul's pro - - - - - mise - ho - - - - - ur - pow - - - - - - - - - - - er.

O UNESCO! Needed you are —
Within, without, from near and far.
Knowledge, science, culture-light
You bestow on ignorance-night.
You are your heart's hope-fragrance-flower.
You are your soul's promise-hour-power.

Sing once with repeats,
once without repeats,
then D.C. al fine with repeat.

First performed at Sri Chinmoy's Peace Concert offered at UNESCO's Headquarters in Paris on 23 June 1989.

35. Since Wars Begin in the Minds of Men (1)

Words from the Preamble of UNESCO's Constitution
Music by Sri Chinmoy
June 23, 1989

♩ = 126 Moderate-fast



"Since wars be - gin in ___ the ___ minds of men, _____



it is in the minds ___ of ___ men that the de - - - fen - - - ces



of _____ peace _____ must _____ be con - - - struc - - - ted."

"Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men
that the defences of peace must be constructed."

36. Since Wars Begin in the Minds of Men (2)

♩ = 126 Moderate-fast

Words from the Preamble of UNESCO's Constitution
Music by Sri Chinmoy
February 5, 1991



"Since wars be - gin in the minds of men, —



it is in the minds — of — men that — the — de - - fen - - ces



of — peace — must be con - - - struc - - - ted."

"Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men
that the defences of peace must be constructed."

37. O Human Rights

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
October 29, 1977

♩ = 144 Moderate-fast



O Hu -- man Rights_____ Di - - - - - vine!



In___ har - mo - ny - world_____ you___ shine._____



You are the voice of Light_____



and___ blue_____ Per - - - - - fec - - - - - tion - Height._____



Yours is the su - preme role_____



to change___ the_____ cos - - - - - mos - dole._____



You are the on - ly strength___ of_____



Hea - ven's Vi - - - - - sion - length._____

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Di - vi - sion, bon - dage, doom, no more, no more,
no more - all one - - - ness - bloom.
O Hu - - man Rights Di - - - - - vine!
In har - mo - ny - world you shine.
O Hu - - - man Rights!

O Human Rights Divine!
In harmony-world you shine.
You are the voice of Light
And blue Perfection-Height.
Yours is the supreme role
To change the cosmos-dole.
You are the only strength
Of Heaven's Vision-length.
Division, bondage, doom,
No more —
All oneness-bloom.

— Sri Chinmoy

First performed on 9 December 1977 at an observance of Human Rights Day at the United Nations, sponsored by the Peace Meditation Group.

38. Oneness-Earth

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
First printed in 1978

♩ = 126 Moderate-fast



One - ness - earth, one - - - - - ness: A ___ life ___ of ___ ful - - - - - ness.



Di - vi - sion - mind dies, _____ One - ness - heart



flies. _____



Hea - ven's God - length: One - - ness - earth's ___ strength.



To - day's Vi - sion - plan: _____ To - mor - row's God ___ - man. _

D.C. al fine with repeat.

Oneness-earth, oneness:
A life of fulness.
Division-mind dies,
Oneness-heart flies.
Heaven's God-length:
Oneness-earth's strength.
Today's Vision-plan:
Tomorrow's God-man.

Song written for a Peace Meditation Group programme, held at the United Nations on 14 December 1977, entitled "Oneness-Earth," celebrating the universal brotherhood and unity evoked during the year-end holiday season around the world. Filmed by CBS-TV for broadcasting on Christmas Day, the event featured statements by Ambassadors and UN officials, as well as the performance of the song.



39. O World Gratitude Day!

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
First printed in 1978

♩ = 100 Moderate



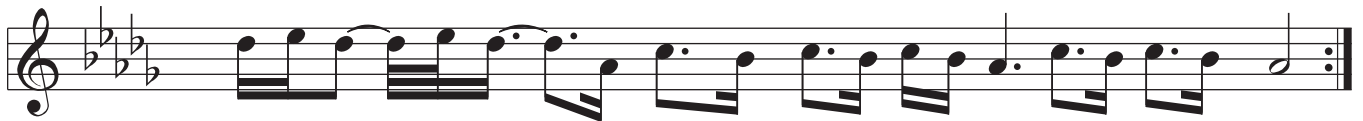
O _____



O World Gra-ti-tude Day! _____



I _____ pray for you, I _____ pray. _____ Man's fee-ble climb-ing



ray _____ is one with God's _____ Vi- - - - - sion - Play.



Com - - - pas - - - sion: _____ high - - - - - est gift. _____



Gra - - - ti - - - - - tude: _____ fast - - - - - est lift.



On - ly _____ sa - tis - fac - tion - seed _____

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Can feed man and
God's need.
O

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. It consists of four staves. The first staff contains the melody for the lyrics 'Can feed man and'. The second staff continues with 'God's need.' and includes a five-measure slur and a three-measure slur. The third staff features a six-measure slur. The fourth staff begins with a whole rest 'O' and ends with a three-measure slur and the word 'fine'.

O World Gratitude Day!
I pray for you, I pray.
Man's feeble climbing ray
Is one with God's Vision-Play.

Compassion: highest gift.
Gratitude: fastest lift.
Only satisfaction-seed
Can feed man and God's need.

— Sri Chinmoy

Song written and performed for a World Gratitude Day celebration at the United Nations sponsored by the Peace Meditation Group on 12 September 1977. The song was also performed several times for programmes at the World Gratitude Day's New York Headquarters.

40. We Are a Family

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
June 15, 2005

♩ = 126 Moderate



We are a fam-i - - ly, a ful-ly__ blos-somed tree._____



We sing and dance and play, o - ur hearts to - ge - ther_ pray. pray.



We have__ cho - sen God's Side,_____



and__ en-joy His Smile - Ride._____

We are a family, a fully blossomed tree.
We sing and dance and play,
Our hearts together pray.
We have chosen God's Side,
And enjoy His Smile-Ride.

Song dedicated to the United Nations 2005 World Summit and High-Level Plenary Meeting of the 60th session of the UN General Assembly, held from 14 to 16 September 2005, and performed by a children's choir at a parallel event.

41. UN Meditation

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
November 14, 1977

♩ = 120 Moderate



U__ N me - di - ta - tion:__ a_____ soul - - ful__ cry



To reach the vast - - ness of_____ one - - - ness__ - sky.



U - - - - - ni - ted Na - - - tions Me - di - ta - tion__ Group:__



A sim - ple, Truth__ - serv - ing, all - lov - ing troop._____



U - - - - - ni - ted Na - - - tions Me - di - ta - tion__ Room:__



To stop for__ good__ the__ birth__ of_____ cos - - - mos - doom.



U__ N me - di - ta - tion:__ a_____ soul - - - ful__ cry

UN meditation: a soulful cry
To reach the vastness of oneness-sky.
United Nations Meditation Group:
A simple, Truth-serving, all-loving troop.
United Nations Meditation Room:
To stop for good the birth of cosmos-doom.

The name of the group was officially changed to Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations, in consultation with the United Nations Legal Counsel, in May 1983.

42. Meditation Group

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
March 31, 1990

♩ = 126 Moderate



Me-di-ta-tion Group, Me-di-ta-tion Group, Me-di-ta-tion _____ Group!



Earth-fa - - mi - - ly world - one - - - - - ness-dream - - - - - er _____ troop.



It breathes _____ the tow-er-ing bless - - - - - ing-light _____



of the U N soul - _____



Man-kind's peace - flood - ed, bliss _____ - stud - - - ded



per - fec - tion - goal. _____

D.C. al fine

Meditation Group, Meditation Group, Meditation Group!
Earth-family world-oneness-dreamer troop.
It breathes the towering blessing-light of the UN soul -
Mankind's peace-flooded, bliss-studded perfection-goal.

43. Thirty Years of Peace Meditation at the UN!

♩. = 100 Moderate-fast

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
April 17, 2000



Thir - ty years of Peace Me - di - ta - - - - - tion at the U__ N!



This was, in - deed, the U N soul's Hea - ven - bless - ing - plan.



Here we pray and me - di - - tate for the world__ - one - ness.



Here at the U N heart, the world will__ a - chieve__ its ful - - - ness.

Sing once with repeats,
once without repeats,
then D.C. al fine with repeat.

Thirty years of Peace Meditation at the UN!
This was, indeed, the UN soul's Heaven-blessing-plan.
Here we pray and meditate for the world-oneness.
Here at the UN heart, the world will achieve its fulness.

Song composed for the 30th anniversary of the Peace Meditation Group, which was established on 14 April 1970, after Secretary-General U Thant invited Sri Chinmoy to lead twice-weekly peace meditations for delegates and staff at UN Headquarters in New York.

44. We Believe

Motto of Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations

Words by Sri Chinmoy
First published in 1972
Music by Sri Chinmoy
August 27, 1976

♩ = 108 Moderate



We be - lieve _____ and we hold _____



that each man _____ has the po - ten - ti - a - li - ty _____



of reach - - - - ing _____ the Ul - ti - mate Truth.



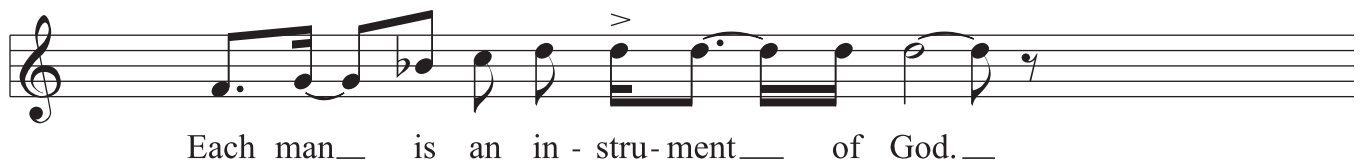
We al - so be - lieve _____ that man _____ can - not



and _____ will not _____ re - main _____



im - per - fect _____ for - - - - e - - - - ver. _____



Each man _____ is an in - stru - ment _____ of God. _____



When the hour _____ strikes, _____

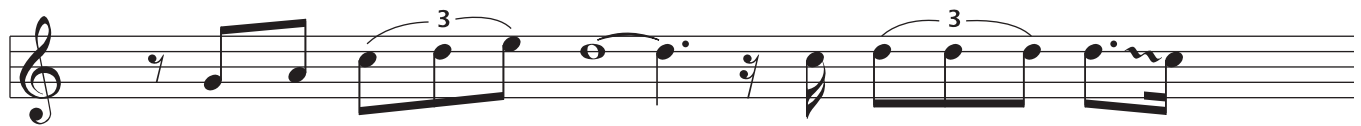
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each in - di - vi - du - al soul _____



lis - tens to the in - ner dic - tates of God. _____



When man lis - tens to God, his im - per - fect - ions _____



are turned in - to per - fec - tions, his ig - nor - ance in - to know - ledge,



his search - ing mind in - to re - veal - ing light _____



and his un - cer - tain re - a - li - ty _____



in - to all - ful - fil - - ling Di - vi - - - - - ni - ty.

Motto of Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations

We believe and we hold that each man has the potentiality of reaching the Ultimate Truth. We also believe that man cannot and will not remain imperfect forever. Each man is an instrument of God. When the hour strikes, each individual soul listens to the inner dictates of God. When man listens to God, his imperfections are turned into perfections, his ignorance into knowledge, his searching mind into revealing light and his uncertain reality into all-fulfilling Divinity.

Songs Dedicated to UN Secretaries-General

Sri Chinmoy offered his insightful appreciation and support to those at the helm of the UN, writing songs for the Secretaries-General as well as for other officials. He also set to music some of their immortal utterances. Selected here are several of these compositions, dedicated to Trygve Lie (1946-1952), Dag Hammarskjöld (1953-1961), U Thant (1961-1971) and Javier Pérez de Cuéllar (1982-1991). The choir had the honour to perform many of these songs while accompanying Sri Chinmoy for meetings with the Secretaries-General and other officials.

1. Lie, Trygve Lie!

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
January 28, 1977

$\bullet = 96$ Moderate

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 3/4 time. It begins with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a tempo marking of 'Moderate' with a quarter note equal to 96 beats. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing repeat signs. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a 'fine' marking.

Lie, Tryg- - - ve___ Lie! O U___ N Boat's_____

first___ Pi - - - lot high._____

Daunt-less you_ fought for___ your___ i - - - deal_ - sky.

Lie, Tryg-ve___ Lie! O Os-lo, Nor-way's 'peace mis-sion' son,

The world sa - - - - - lutes your Spi - rit's run._____

Lie, Tryg- - - - ve___ Lie! Lie, Tryg- - - - ve___ Lie!

fine

Lie, Trygve Lie!
O UN Boat's first Pilot high.
Dauntless you fought for your ideal-sky.

Lie, Trygve Lie!
O Oslo, Norway's 'peace mission' son,
The world salutes your Spirit's run.

Lie, Trygve Lie!

2. The United Nations Is the Supreme Law

Words by Trygve Lie
Music by Sri Chinmoy
November 14, 1977

$\bullet = 132$ Moderate-fast

The U - ni - - - ted _____ Na - - - - - - - - - tions is _____
the _____ Su - - - - - - - - - preme _____ Law _____ of _____
the _____ world. _____

The musical score is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The tempo is marked 'Moderate-fast' with a quarter note equal to 132 beats per minute. The melody features several triplet markings over the words 'Na-tions' and 'preme'. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Sing three times.

The United Nations is the Supreme Law of the world.

– Trygve Lie

3. Dag Hammarskjöld

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
June 2, 1976

♩ = 72 Moderate-slow

Dag— Ham-mar-skjöld, pu - - - ri - ty gold,

Di - - - vi - - ni - ty's re - - al - - i - - ty bold! *fine*

Your peer - - less vi - - - sion, cos - - - mic— run

Cease - less - ly cried— for— per - - fec - tion - sun. —

In— you— the— U— N glo - - - - - ry's height—

Of si - - - - - lence - light— and— de - - - - - light. —

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G minor (three flats). It consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The tempo is marked 'Moderate-slow' with a quarter note equal to 72 beats. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots, and the word 'fine' is written above the final measure.

Sing once with repeats,
once without repeats,
then D.C. al fine with repeat.

Dag Hammarskjöld, purity gold,
Divinity's reality bold!
Your peerless vision, cosmic run
Ceaselessly cried for perfection-sun.
In you the UN glory's height
Of silence-light and delight.

4. May I Be Offered

Words by Dag Hammarskjöld
Music by Sri Chinmoy
November 14, 1977

♩ = 96 Moderate

The musical score is written on four staves of a treble clef in a key with three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor). The tempo is marked 'Moderate' with a quarter note equal to 96 beats. The lyrics are: 'May I be of- - - - fered to that in the of- - - fer- - - ing which will be of- - - - - fered. God took the form of man in the vic- tim who chose to be sa- - - cri - ficed.' The score includes repeat signs and a 'fine' marking.

May I be of- - - - fered to that in the
of- - - fer- - - ing which will be of- - - - - fered.
God took the form of man in the vic- tim
who chose to be sa- - - cri - ficed.

Sing each repeated phrase three times,
then D.C. al fine without repeat.

May I be offered to that in the offering which will
be offered.

God took the form of man in the victim who chose
to be sacrificed.

—Dag Hammarskjöld

5. The Greatest Prayer of Man

♩ = 126 Moderate-fast

Words by Dag Hammarskjöld
Music by Sri Chinmoy
October 3, 1990

The great - est prayer of man asks not for vic - - - - - t'ry
but for _____ peace. _____

The musical notation consists of two staves in G minor (one flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The tempo is marked as 'Moderate-fast' with a quarter note equal to 126 beats. The key signature has one flat (Bb).

The greatest prayer of man asks not for victory but for peace.

– Dag Hammarskjöld

6. The Longest Journey

♩ = 132 Moderate-fast

Words by Dag Hammarskjöld
Music by Sri Chinmoy
January 1, 1991

The long - est jour - ney is the jour - ney_ in - - - ward.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G minor (one flat). The tempo is marked as 'Moderate-fast' with a quarter note equal to 132 beats. The key signature has one flat (Bb).

The longest journey is the journey inward.

– Dag Hammarskjöld

7. Before Thee in Humility

Words by Dag Hammarskjöld

Music by Sri Chinmoy

July 26, 1995

♩ = 100 Moderate



Be - fore — Thee in hu - - mi - - li - - ty,



With Thee in faith, _____



In Thee in — peace. _____

Before Thee in humility,

With Thee in faith,

In Thee in peace.

– Dag Hammarskjöld

8. U Thant

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
April 1, 1976

$\bullet = 63$ Slow

U Thant, U Thant, We love your si - lence - soul.

We loved your com - pas - sion - heart. *fine*

Your world - har - mo - ny - role chal - lenced ig - no - - rance - dart.

U N Pi - lot su - preme, You trea - sured per - - fec - tion - dream.

Sing once with repeats,
then D.C. al fine without repeat.

U Thant, U Thant,
We love your silence-soul.
We loved your compassion-heart.
Your world-harmony-role
Challenged ignorance-dart.
UN Pilot supreme,
You treasured perfection-dream.

9. Gone Are the Days

Words by U Thant
Music by Sri Chinmoy
November 14, 1977

$\text{♩} = 60$

Gone are the days when each Nation
was an island unto
it-self.

Sing three times.

Gone are the days when each Nation was an island unto itself.

– U Thant

10. In the Wake of the Most Catastrophic War

Words by U Thant
Music by Sri Chinmoy
November 14, 1977

♩ = 140 Moderate-fast

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked as 'Moderate-fast' with a quarter note equal to 140 beats. The melody is in the treble clef. The lyrics are: 'In the wake of the most ca-ta-stro-phi-c war in the his-tory of man - - - - kind, hu - - ma-ni - ty had a new Vi - - - - - sion: it saw the glim - - - - - mer of dawn of a war - - - less world.' The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes. There are also triplet and quintuplet markings over some notes in the final line.

In the wake of the most ca-ta-stro-phi-c war in the his-tory of man - - - - kind,
hu - - ma-ni - ty had a new Vi - - - - - sion:
it saw the glim - - - - - mer of dawn
of a war - - - less world.

Sing three times.

In the wake of the most catastrophic war in the history of mankind, humanity had a new Vision: it saw the glimmer of dawn of a warless world.

– U Thant

11. O UN Pilot, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar!

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
January 11, 1982

$\bullet = 110$ Moderate *fine*

The musical score consists of ten staves of music in a single system, written in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked 'Moderate' with a quarter note equal to 110 beats. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score includes repeat signs and a 'fine' marking at the end.

O

U— N Pi-lot, Ja-vi - er Pé-rez de _____ Cué - - - - - llar!

Yours is the sil - - - ver jour - - - - - ney to the One-ness - Ful - - - - - ness -

Har - - - - - bour.

O

U— N Pi-lot, Ja-vi - er Pé-rez de _____ Cué - - - - - llar!

Calm - ness - mind, soft - - - ness - heart, bold - ness - life _____

and _____ bright - ness - soul. _____

Wis-dom with-in, wis-dom with-out: a _____ splen - - did role! _____

O UN Pilot, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar!
Yours is the silver journey to the Oneness-Fulness-Harbour.
O UN Pilot, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar!
Calmness-mind, softness-heart, boldness-life and brightness-soul.
Wisdom within, wisdom without: a splendid role!

Sing once with repeats,
once without repeats,
then D.C. al segno,
D.C. al fine.

— Sri Chinmoy

12. We Take the United Nations Seriously

Words by Javier Pérez de Cuéllar

Music by Sri Chinmoy

December 12, 1982

♩ = 132 Moderate-fast

The musical score is written on ten staves of a grand staff (treble clef). The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Moderate-fast' with a quarter note equal to 132 beats per minute. The lyrics are: 'We take the U - ni - - ted Na - - - tions se - - - - ri - ous - ly when - - - we - - - - des - - - - pe - rate - ly need it. I would urge that - - - we - - - al - - - - so se - - - - - ri - ous - ly con - - - - si - der the prac - - - ti - cal ways in which it should de - - - ve - lop its ca - - - pa - ci - ty and - - - be - - - used - - - as - - - an - - - es - - - sen - - - tial in - - - sti - tu - - tion - - - in - - - a storm - - - - - y, un - - - cer - - - tain world. - - -'. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by the instruction 'D.C. al fine'. The word 'fine' is written above the final staff.

We take the U - ni - - ted Na - - - tions se - - - - ri - ous - ly
when - - - we - - - - des - - - - pe - rate - ly need it. *fine*
I would urge that - - - we - - - al - - - - so
se - - - - - ri - ous - ly con - - - - si - der the prac - - - ti - cal
ways in which it should de - - - ve - lop its ca - - - pa - ci - ty
and - - - be - - - used - - - as - - -
an - - - es - - - sen - - - tial in - - - sti - tu - - tion - - -
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We take the United Nations seriously when we desperately need it. I would urge that we also seriously consider the practical ways in which it should develop its capacity and be used as an essential institution in a stormy, uncertain world.

– Javier Pérez de Cuéllar

Songs Honouring Great Souls

Selected here are a few of the many songs Sri Chinmoy wrote for special programmes held at UN Headquarters in New York and other venues, some honouring great individuals who elevated the standard of humanity.

1. My Fellow Inhabitants

Words by John F. Kennedy
Music by Sri Chinmoy
November 21, 1977

♩ = 84 Moderate-slow



My— fel-low in - - ha - bi - tants of— this pla - - net:



let— us take— our— stand— here—



in— this as - - - sem - - bly— of— na - - - tions.



And let— us see— if— we, in our— own time,



can move— the world to - wards a just—



and— last - - - - - ing peace.—

My fellow inhabitants of this planet:
let us take our stand here in this assembly of nations.
And let us see if we, in our own time,
can move the world towards a just and lasting peace.

— John F. Kennedy

Closing words from the address by President John F. Kennedy to the UN General Assembly on 26 September 1963. Performed along with several other songs by Sri Chinmoy dedicated to the late President of the United States in two programmes at the United Nations organized by the Peace Meditation Group: one on 22 November 1977, televised live by WNBC-TV, and one on 21 November 1983, marking the 20th anniversary of his assassination.

2. I Am Rarely Enthusiastic

Words by Albert Einstein
Music by Sri Chinmoy
February 1979

$\bullet = 116$ Moderate

I am rare---ly en - - thu-si - as - - tic
a - bout what the League of Na - - tions
has done or not done,
but I am al - - - - - ways thank - - - ful
that it ex - - - - - ists.

I am rarely enthusiastic about what
the League of Nations has done or not done,
but I am always thankful that it exists.

– Albert Einstein

Performed along with several other songs by Sri Chinmoy dedicated to Albert Einstein at two programmes in honour of the unparalleled scientist's centennial organized by the Peace Meditation Group: one in conjunction with Princeton University held at the University on 18 March 1979, and the second held at the United Nations on 20 March 1979.

3. Nothing I Can Do or Say

Words by Albert Einstein
Music by Sri Chinmoy
February 26, 1979

$\text{♩} = 80$ Fast

No-thing I can do or say will change
the structure of the universe.
But maybe, by raising my voice,
I can help the great-est of all causes:
good will among men and peace on earth.

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of the universe. But maybe, by raising my voice,
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good will among men and peace on earth.

– Albert Einstein

Performed along with several other songs by Sri Chinmoy dedicated to Albert Einstein at two programmes in honour of the unparalleled scientist's centennial organized by the Peace Meditation Group: one in conjunction with Princeton University held at the University on 18 March 1979, and the second held at the United Nations on 20 March 1979.

4. Make a Peace

Words by Albert Einstein
Music by Sri Chinmoy
February 1979

♩ = 138 Fast

Make a peace that does not con-ceal a fu - ture war.

Make a peace that does not con-ceal a fu - ture war.

Make a peace that does not conceal a future war.

– Albert Einstein

Performed along with several other songs by Sri Chinmoy dedicated to Albert Einstein at two programmes in honour of the unparalleled scientist's centennial organized by the Peace Meditation Group: one in conjunction with Princeton University held at the University on 18 March 1979, and the second held at the United Nations on 20 March 1979.

Songs of Peace

Following is a selection from the many songs of peace composed by Sri Chinmoy, including one in his native Bengali with a version for his English translation as well. The Peace Meditation Group choir has performed these songs for a variety of official UN programmes, many of which were webcast by the UN and are part of the UN archives.

1. O Dreamers of Peace

Words by Sri Chinmoy
Pre-1995
Music by Sri Chinmoy
April 24, 1995

$\bullet = 120$ Moderate-fast

O dream - ers of peace, _____ come, _____
let us walk to - - - ge - - - ther.
O lov - - ers of peace, _____ come, _____
let us run _____ to - - - ge - - - ther.
O serv - ers of peace, _____ come, _____
let us grow _____ to - - - ge - - - ther. - ther.

The musical score consists of six staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked 'Moderate-fast' with a quarter note equal to 120 beats. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines. The final line of music includes a first ending (marked '1') and a second ending (marked '2').

O dreamers of peace, come,
Let us walk together.

O lovers of peace, come,
Let us run together.

O servers of peace, come
Let us grow together.

The words to this song were featured when members of the diplomatic community joined in setting a Guinness World Record for the poem recited in the most languages in 24 hours (203 languages), on 10 April 2014 at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, United Nations environs, in conjunction with the opening ceremony of the Oneness-Home Peace Run.

2. A Moment's Truth

Words by Sri Chinmoy
June 1974
Music by Sri Chinmoy
November 28, 1976

$\bullet = 126$ Moderate

mf A mo-ment's truth can and shall make the world beau - - ti - ful. ___

A mo - ment's peace can and shall save the world. _____

A mo - ment's_ love can and shall make the world per - - fect.

A moment's truth can and shall make the world beautiful.
A moment's peace can and shall save the world.
A moment's love can and shall make the world perfect.

3. A New World of Peace

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
August 1977

♩ = 126 Moderate-fast

A new world of peace, A new world of light,
A new world of height Can alone
give me satisfaction - delight.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 3/4 time. It begins with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The tempo is marked as 'Moderate-fast' with a quarter note equal to 126 beats per minute. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some slurs and ties. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

A new world of peace,
A new world of light,
A new world of height
Can alone give me
Satisfaction-delight.

4. Peace Does Not Mean the Absence of War

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
October 26, 1987



Peace— does not— mean—— the ab-sence— of war.——



Peace—— means the pre- - - -sence of har- - - -mo -ny,——



love,—— one- - - -ness and—— sa- - - -tis- - - -fac- - - -tion.——



Peace—— means— a flood—— of love——



in the world—— - fa- - - - -mi- - - - - -ly.——

Peace does not mean the absence of war.
Peace means the presence of harmony,
Love, oneness and satisfaction.
Peace means a flood of love
in the world-family.

6. Only the Peace-Dreamers

♩ = 126 Moderate-fast

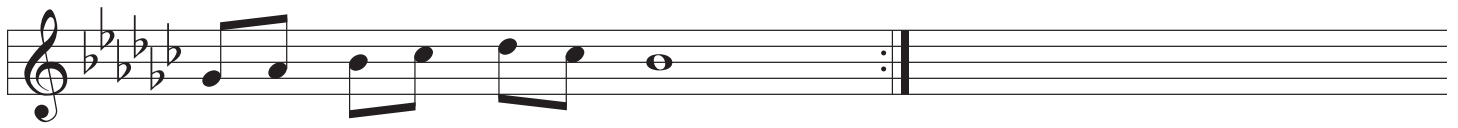
Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
December 2, 1994



On - ly the peace - dream - - - -ers, peace - lov - - - - -ers



and peace - serv - - - - -ers — can trans - form the _____



world. _____

Only the peace-dreamers,
Peace-lovers and and peace-servers
Can transform the world.

7. Shanti Gabhire

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
January 14, 1999

♩ = 66 Moderate

Shān - - - - ti gā - bhi - re bān-chi - te chā - hi - go

shān - - - - ti gā - - bhi - - - re

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots. The tempo is marked as 'Moderate' with a quarter note equal to 66 beats per minute.

Sing three times.

In the Depths of Peace

Words and Music
by Sri Chinmoy
January 14, 1999

♩ = 126 Moderate-fast

In the depths of peace _____ I long to live.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The tempo is marked as 'Moderate-fast' with a quarter note equal to 126 beats per minute.

Sing three times.

Shanti gabhire banchite chahigo shanti gabhire

In the depths of peace I long to live.

About Sri Chinmoy

Sri Chinmoy (1931-2007) dedicated his life to the service of world peace and to the fulfilment of the unlimited potential of the human spirit. He inspired countless individuals through his meditations on peace, his creative endeavours and his philosophy of self-transcendence.

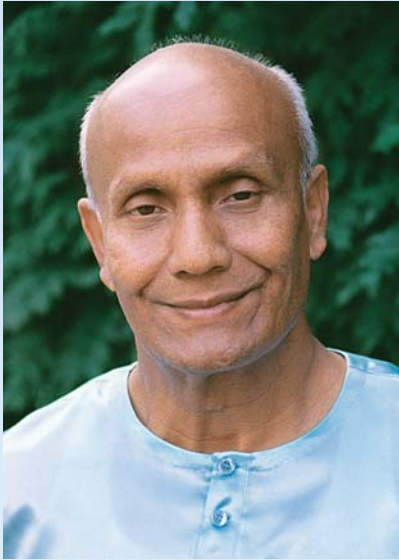
Born in Chittagong, Bengal, [British] India, now part of present-day Bangladesh, Sri Chinmoy lived in the French pocket of Pondicherry from 1944-1964 in a spiritual community, where he meditated for many hours a day, attaining personal enlightenment. There he excelled in literary, musical and athletic pursuits. It was during his youth that he first began writing poetry to convey his mystical vision.

Sri Chinmoy came to the United States in 1964 to be of service to humanity. In 1970, at the invitation of U Thant, third Secretary-General of the United Nations, he began leading peace meditations for delegates and staff at UN headquarters in New York. Since then, Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations, as the group is known, has continued its meditations and has sponsored an ongoing series of programmes, lectures and concerts to promote world harmony.

Sri Chinmoy offered hundreds of peace concerts, always free of charge, throughout the world. He founded the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run, a biennial Olympic-style relay in which runners pass a flaming peace torch from hand to hand as they travel around the globe bearing the message of universal oneness. The international Sri Chinmoy Centre has been accredited as a Non-Governmental Organization with the UN Department of Public Information, promoting a culture of peace and providing humanitarian aid.

On 11 October 2007, Sri Chinmoy passed behind the curtain of Eternity. His creative, peace-loving and humanitarian endeavours are carried on worldwide by his organization, which strives to serve the world in accordance with his timeless teachings.

Photo by Ranjana K. Ghose



Sri Chinmoy graced the halls of the United Nations for over 37 years, offering his multifaceted inspiration to the UN community through non-denominational meditations, lectures, concerts, art exhibits and other programmes for peace. In a prolific outpouring of poems, essays and songs dedicated to the UN, he encouraged individuals of all faiths, races and nationalities to seek peace in their lives and to bring this peace to their work for the United Nations.

The songs in this collection are selected from hundreds composed by Sri Chinmoy for the UN, and are dedicated to the upcoming United Nations 75th anniversary. Also included in this volume is a selection of Sri Chinmoy's poetry, along with excerpts from his various talks about the UN. By immersing oneself in these lofty visions, one will be uplifted and reminded of the profound significance of the United Nations and its powerful role in the world arena.

In the prophetic words of Sri Chinmoy: "The inner vision of the United Nations is the gift supreme. A day will dawn when the vision of the United Nations will save the world."

"Sri Chinmoy is the heart of the United Nations – because in all the years I was Secretary-General, and even before...even if he was not present, his message was with us and we were being inspired by him."

Javier Pérez de Cuéllar
UN Secretary-General (1982-1991)

"We are each a pool of love, compassion and serenity. Let the ripples from this pool reach to the end of the world. This is what my dear friend Sri Chinmoy did, throughout his life..."

Archbishop Desmond Tutu
Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town
Chair, Truth and Reconciliation Commission
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate (1984)