

SELECTED POEMS ON PEACE BY SRI CHINMOY

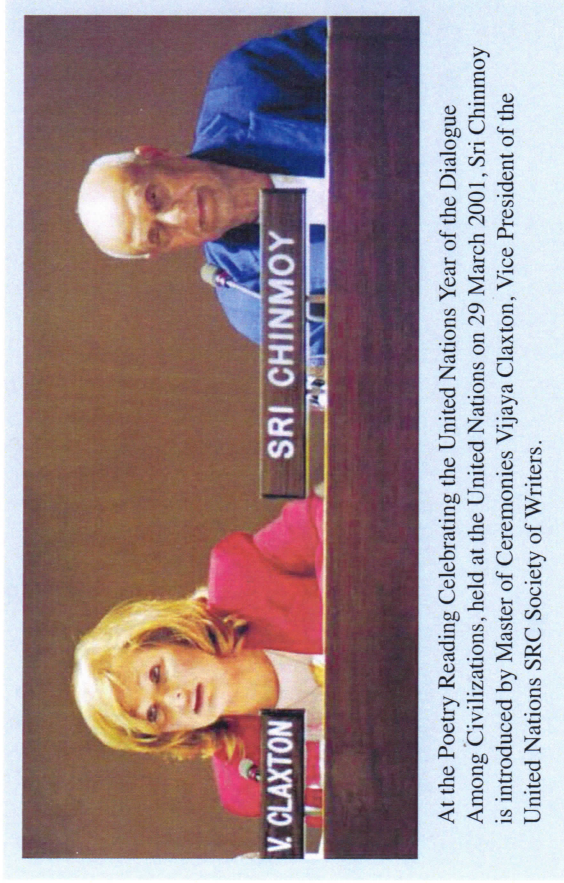
The following poems by Sri Chinmoy selected from *Peace-Blossom-Fragrance* are presented here in honour of the upcoming 75th anniversary of the United Nations and the 50th anniversary of *The Peace Meditation at the United Nations* in 2020.

Through his meditations at the UN and his artistic and poetic expressions of peace, Sri Chinmoy brought together members of the international community in dedication to the goal of a global oneness-family.

The 700 poems on peace in the book were written between 11 and 23 November 1994. They were published in April 1995 in one volume, lovingly and gratefully dedicated by Sri Chinmoy to the UN's 50th anniversary. The cover and page borders of the book, as shown here, are composed of birds selected from a series of "Dream-Freedom-Peace-Birds" drawn by Sri Chinmoy beginning in 1992.

"If we do not have the feeling of
Collective responsibility for *peace*,
Then *peace* will never be a reality,
Either in the heart of today
Or in the life of tomorrow."

— Sri Chinmoy



At the Poetry Reading Celebrating the United Nations Year of the Dialogue Among Civilizations, held at the United Nations on 29 March 2001, Sri Chinmoy is introduced by Master of Ceremonies Vijaya Claxton, Vice President of the United Nations SRC Society of Writers.

About Sri Chinmoy: Born in Bengal, India (now Bangladesh) in 1931, Sri Chinmoy came to New York in 1964 to dedicate himself to the cause of world peace. At the invitation of UN Secretary-General U Thant, in 1970, he began leading twice-weekly peace meditations for 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 meditations, concerts, lectures, art exhibits and programmes for peace. Members of *Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations* endeavour to continue these activities to this day.



*Selections from 700 "Peace-Blossom-Fragrance" poems
composed by Sri Chinmoy to honour the United Nations*

2.

Goodness
Is *peace*-drop.

3.

Oneness
Is *peace*-sea.

48.

Peace

Is not world-escape-relief.

49.

Peace

Is world-transformation-belief.

88.

O truth-seeker and God-lover,
You have only one task to
perform:
You have to keep
Humanity's sacred *peace*-dream
Alive.

157.

When humility exits
From the mind-gate,
Peace is compelled to exit
From the heart-gate.

208.

To feel *peace*,
I shall not climb up to
The mountaintop.
I shall not sit at the foot
Of the mountain.
I shall just enter into
My heart-nest.

295.

Peace
Becomes a reality
Only after endless
Patience-preparation.

388.

Peace I feel not
When I long to retire
From the world.
Peace I feel
When I long to aspire
For the world.

467.

I do not need the *peace*
Of the stars and planets
Of the ages.
I need the *peace*
Of the flowing and glowing
Here and now.

570.

Spend considerable time
In finding sterling qualities
In others,
Rather than in finding
Their blazing faults.
Your mind will be full
Of *peace*-blossoms.

694.

If we do not have the feeling of
Collective responsibility for *peace*,
Then *peace* will never be a reality,
Either in the heart of today
Or in the life of tomorrow.

696.

What an absurd idea:
The mind wants to achieve *peace*
By denouncing
The world's imperfections.
What a fruitful ideal:
The heart wants to achieve *peace*
By accepting
The world's imperfections
For their total transformation.

