Vaishnav Janato

Raga: Ragamalika

Tala: Adi

Composer: Narsinh Mehta

"An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind." ~ M. K. Gandhi



Naisha's remarks:

Since my lineage is Vaishnav and the language spoken at home is Gujarati – this piece holds a very special in my heart. This dance is also my parents favorite piece without a doubt. My Mom reminds me of the story when I was toddler and if I saw someone get hurt I would

also start crying. As the lyrics mean "Tene Kahiye Je", translates to Who, comprehend and recognizes the pain of others,

Description:

"Vaishnav Jan to" is a beautiful devotional Gujarati hymn closest to the heart of the father of the nation, Mahatama Gandhi, penned centuries back by Narsinh Mehta a 15th century poet. Vaishnav jan to' was. Gandhi's moral weapon, putting it at the epicentre of Ghandhi's Ahimsa philosophy. "Be the change you want to see in the world" Gandhi

It represents the ideal and a code of conduct that all human beings should aspire. It also draws upon concepts from Krishna consciousness, with ideas such as giving up material desires and freeing oneself from illusion (maya).

The song extols the virtues of compassion, humility, and selflessness, and encourages listeners to emulate the example of a true Vaishnava in their own lives. The melody of "Vaishnav Jan To" is simple yet stirring.



Vaishnav Jan To Tene Kahiye Meaning

This verse's meaning is simply very interesting and holds the true essence of <u>spirituality</u>.

This verse continues towards discussing the virtues that are important for being a man of God. Although, it's quite easy to say that we all are the child of God, and there is no doubt about it. But, not everyone is the blessed one and is the man of God. The man who lies, who is dishonest, and who promotes bad deeds in society can never be a man of God. Your success, fame, and wealth don't make you a better or bigger person in the eyes of God. But your good deeds, high virtues, and good moral character makes you a better person in the eyes of God.

One who does everything to save humanity and the one who preserves the cultures and traditions rightfully without bringing negativity in life is the one who prospers in the world here and even hereafter.

Bring positivity, and your life will be full of happiness and success. A man who is good to the people and works on the right path is never disappointed by God.

One who is a Vaishnay (Devotee of Vishnu)

Lyrics Meaning:

Vaishnav Jan To Tene Kahiye Je, Peed Parae Jane Re,	One Who Is a Vaishnav (Worships Lord Vishnu), Who, comprehend and recognizes the pain of others, Does good to others, esp. to those who are in misery
VaishnavVaishnav	
Par Dukhe Upkar Kare Toye, Man Abhiman Na Aane Re	Egotistical pride does not enter their minds
Vaishnav	
Sakal Lok Maa Sahune Vande, Ninda Naa Kare Keni Re,	They bow-down to everyone in the entire world. They never slander/does not speak ill of others.
Vach Kachh Mann Nishchal Rakhe, Dhan-Dhan Janani Teni Re.	They keep their speech thoughtful and mind balanced. The one who gives birth to such a person remains very fortunate
Vaishnav	
Sam Drishti Neh Trishna Tyagi, ParStri Jene Maat Reh,	They see everything equally, and give up (all) material desires. and rejects greed

Jivha Thaki Ashatha Na Bole, ParDhan Naav Jhali Hath Re	Even for sake of their lives, will never speak untruth. They see all women as their own mother	
Vaishnav)		
MohMaya Vyape Nahi Jene, Dridh Vairagya Jenaa mun ma re,	Never hold others wealth in their hands Who, never surrender to the illusion of material desires. In whose mind resides, unwavering detachment	
Ram Naam Shun Tali Lagi, Sakal Tirth Tena Tan Mann Re	Whose claps are attuned in the name of Lord Rama All the holiest places reside in their body	
Vaishnav		
Van Lobhi Ne K apat Rahit Chhe, Kaam Krodh Nivarya Re,	Is without greed and deceit. Refrains from lust and hate	
Bhane Narsaiyo Tenu Darshan Karta, Kul Ekoter Tarya Re	Poet Narai says that, when such a person visits you. 71-generations, will be free and the family gets salvation	
Vaishnav		