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Arise ! Awake ! And stop not till the Goal is reached.

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A HYMN TO SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

मूर्तमहेश्वरमुज्ज्वलभास्करमिष्टममरनरवन्द्यम् ।
वन्दे वेदतनुमुज्जितगर्हितकाञ्चनकामिनीबन्धम् ॥
कोटिभानुकरदीप्तसिंहमहो कटितटकौपीनवन्तम् ।
अभीरभीहुंकारनादितदिङ्मुखप्रचण्डताण्डवनृत्यम् ॥
भुक्तिमुक्तिकृपाकटाक्षाप्रेक्षणमघदलविदलनदक्षम् ।
बालचन्द्रधरमिन्दुवन्द्यमिह नोमि गुरुविवेकानन्दम् ॥

I bow to Vivekananda, my spiritual guide, my object of worship, who is Lord Śiva incarnate, resplendent like the bright sun, adored (alike) by men and gods, the embodiment of the Vedas, who has completely overcome the bondage of the much-censured lust and gold, the lion (among men), brilliant with the rays of a million suns, who has nothing but the (*sannyāsīn's*) loin-cloth on, who is dancing the violent dance (of Śiva), reverberating the quarters with the impassioned cry of 'fear not, fear not', a mere glance of whose eyes is enough to impart both enjoyment and liberation, who tramples with ease the myriad hordes of vice, who is the veritable Śiva with the crescent moon on the forehead, and who is worshipped by Indu.*

* A pseudonym assumed by the composer, Sri Sarat Chandra Chakravarti.