

# Om Kara Bhajo

Original author/composer: Pandit Shreeram G. Devasthali

## Chorus:

ॐकार भजो अभिमान तजो  
पछतावो नहीं जो भई सो भई

## Verses:

पर का दुख देख सहाय करो  
बिगरे नहीं धरम उपाय करो  
करनी शुभ औसर पाय करो  
अब लौन तुम नीन्द लई सो लई

अविचार अनीति तजो मन से  
ना मगन रहो मद यौवन् में  
उपकार करो तन मन धन से  
इतनी वय बीत गई सो गई

श्री राम कहो श्री कृष्णा कहो  
भूले से कभी न बुराई करो  
झरथुष्ट्र कहो ईसा भी कहो  
दुनिया में सब से प्यार करो  
अल्लाह कहो हाशेम (ईश्वर) भी कहो  
पर जाति धरम झगड़ा न करो

## Transliteration

Om Kara Bhajo  
Abhimana tajo  
Paccha tavo nahin  
Jo bhayi so bhayi

Para ka dukha dekha sahaya karo  
Bigare nahin dharm upaya karo  
Karani shubha ausara paya karo

Aba laun tuma ninda layi so layi

Avichara aniti tajo mana se  
Na magana raho mada yovana mein  
Upakara karo tana mana dhana se  
Itani vaya bita gai so gai

Sri Rama kaho, Sri Krishna kaho  
Bhule se kabhi na burai karo  
Jarathushtra kaho, Isa bhi kaho  
Duniya mein saba se pyara karo  
Allaha kaho, Hashem bhi kaho  
Para jati dharma jhagada na karo

### **Translation**

(May we) offer the prayer of chanting Om  
Releasing hubris and pride  
Let there be neither grievances nor regrets  
Whatever has happened ... is finished

Upon seeing someone's pain, please offer help  
Don't let your Dharma get spoilt, do whatever you can  
When given the auspicious opportunity to do good deeds  
Until now you've been asleep, you fell asleep.

Keep your mind free from thoughtlessness and callousness  
Don't be engrossed in the thoughtlessness of youth.  
Offer kindness with all your heart and soul  
So much time has passed ... and we fell asleep

Shri Rama would say  
Shri Krishna would say  
May we never(out of our forgetfulness) make the mistake of causing harm to one  
another

Zarathustra would say  
Jesus also would say  
May we give our love unreservedly to all in this world

Allah would say  
Hashem (Ishvara) also would say  
May we never create conflict over class, caste or religion

## Credits

“Omkar Bhajan” originally composed by Pandit Shreeram Govind Devasthali  
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- Additional recording by Lili Haydn, Itai Disraeli and Hamid Saeidi at their home studios in California
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- Jai Uttal recorded by Jason Jones in Marin County, CA
  
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- Heather Wertheimer: Vocals
- Jai Uttal: Vocals and atmospheric guitar
- Lili Haydn: Violin, vocals
- Hamid Saeidi: santur
- Itai Disraeli: Bass, fretless bass
- M.B. Gordy: Frame drum and percussion
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