

**All beings are tired of ignorance
in the world**

They surrender to Your Lotus-feet
because of the merits done in their
pervious births.

You call a boy with love and
affection who surrenders to You

Knowing his qualification, You
protect him with Your *upadesha*.
(Instruction)

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O Master, ocean of mercy, victory be unto You. You are Nirgun (without attributes), *Nirdwanda* (indifferent in regard to opposite pairs of feelings pains and pleasures), *Nirvikalpa* (not admitting any alternative), *Abheda* (undivided), *Nirvikar* (unchangeable), *Aroopa* (form less) and *Chit-Swarupa* (pure consciousness). O Siddharudha Sadgururaya, *sritis* remained silent to describe Your complete true nature. You have incarnated as Sagun Brahma to ward off the fear of mundane life of Your devotees.

Once, a boy, twelve years old came crying before Maharaj. He fell at His Lotus feet. He did not rise for a long time. The merciful Guru picked him up and made him sit beside him. "Whose son are you? What are you weeping for? Where did you come from? Tell me in detail, Do not be afraid of anything," said Maharaj. Hearing the kind words of Siddharudha, the little boy said, "Father, listen to my words. There is no one who belongs to me in this world. The people, who belonged to me, have sent me out. Mother, father, brother, sister etc nobody likes me. I do not like to serve them. They sent me out because they thought that I was too much interested in worshipping Shiva. Now, I do not go home. O Sadguru, You are Siva-Swarupi. Those who surrender to You, You protect them. Having heard of your fame, I have held Your Lotus feet. Cross me or beat

me with Your hands but do not
send me out. It is Your
responsibility to save me" Hearing
the pitiable words of the boy,
Merciful Siddha Sadguru said,

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"Be here only. I have named you as
Sharan" From then onwards,
Sharan began to live in the *matha*.
He would go into the town to beg
alms. He would put the food
brought by begging before
Siddharudha and receive the food
given by Him. Sometimes he
would not call him for meals in
order to test him but Sharan
remained quiet as usual. He always
thought of Sadguru. Oneday, he
didn't eat anything and fasted the
whole day, the second day, he went
for begging. That day, he got
plenty of alms but he did not take a
bit of it. The food taken without the
order of Sadguru is like poison. He
was very hungry; but he did not
take the food from it. Such was his
devotion to His Guru. Seeing him
coming to the *matha*, Sadguru said
to Sharan, "You fasted yesterday.
While bringing alms, you came

here eating it. There is no doubt in this" He listened to the words of Sadguru, keeping the satchel before Guru and saluting he went to serve. Sharan always remained happy and pronounced the *Naam* of His Guru. Besides, he was always polite to everybody. Siddharudha asked him to climb the tree, pluck the ripe fruits and throw them down and they would take them. Without any delay, little Sharan climbed the tall tree. His limbs were shaking due to weakness but He thought that his body belonged to his Guru. Thus he thought within himself, "Here, there is nothing mine. He himself protects, otherwise let this destroy. There is no reason for me to worry about" Thus, pondering over, Sharan climbed the tree slowly. There was no strength in his body as had not eaten anything. He had firm faith at the Feet of Sadguru. Sadguru finds a remedy to cross the ocean of mundane existence. Understanding thus, he said to his mind, "O mind, do thinking of Sadguru. Do not look at anything" Sharan climbed a tall branch of the tree and sat there for a second or two. Then, he stretched his hand to take

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a fruit. His legs trembled and slipped. The branch he held broke, Sharan shouted loudly `Siddharudha', fell down and dashed against the earth and became unconscious. The people nearby came there. Standing at a distance, Sadguru told them that he had no fear and asked them to go to the *matha* and he would be there with him. Having heard these words of Guru, they turned to the *matha*. Siddha sat beside Sharan and he did hand touch on the chest and said "Get up my son, get up" Slowly he recovered his memory and saw his Guru sitting beside him. Then Sadguru asked him, "So far, what experience did you get? Sharan answered, "I did not understand anything. This is my experience."

Sadguru said, "The thing which you do not understand, you are really that. This itself is the self-knowledge. Now catching this swooning experience completely, think that I am that true nature and meditate upon it." Saying thus, Sadguru kept His hand on Sharan's head. Closing his eyes for a moment, suddenly he saw the self-light (*atma-jyoti*) within himself. The self-light was shining brightly as crores of suns together shine. And then, having united himself with his self, he forgot *swetarajnapiti*. Sharan remained in his own true nature for a moment and came to body-conscious. When he looked at the world, all the things appeared as if they were changed completely. He felt that he himself became the world. He remained as a witness to the world when he looked at the world closely, the sight disappeared and he knew that he was detached from the world. He also knew that itself

was his real nature. He gained such self-knowledge through the Grace of Sadguru. He said to himself, "I am blessed. There is no bliss greater than such knowledge in the three worlds. The great Sadguru has opened

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a gold mine of Bliss Eternal for me." The kind Sadguru said to Sharan "Bear it in mind, the things that I am telling you now. You must meditate upon this Swarupa day and night and give up the sensual pleasures. Don't think that I have become a *Jnani* and do not be afraid of senses. If you accept senses certainly you will descend from the self-knowledge. You yourself create the covering to Soul. Whatever you see the things in the world, drive them away and see the Soul. With the help of *Soham-bhava* (I am that - thought). Since internal-senses are subtle, they are very difficult to remove. I will tell you the remedy. It is easy to experiment *Soham-bhava* (I am that -thought) in the form of

Sadguru. After achieving this, whatever the senses come in mind, think that they are the forms of Sadguru. If you do so, you will attain *Nirvikalpa Samadhi* within you and outside also, you see the same in all the objects." Sharan heard this profound speech and said to Sadguru, "O Sadgurunatha, I am really blessed through Your Grace." Sharana's body was broken (became physically and mentally weak) But *by* mere hand touch of the Gurue made him healthy. Soon, Sharan kept his head at Lotus like feet of Siddharudha. Sadguru took him to the *matha*, made him bathe and both took their meals. He made him happy by placing a morsel of food with his own hand into the mouth of Sharan.

Oneday, a gentleman came to Siddhashrama and Sadguru asked him the reason for his arrival. He said to Guru, "I am a resident of Vijapur (now Vijayapur) and live in a close proximity of Shanmukha Swami. I've come here to have Your darshan. I know the boy called Sharan who is living with you. Your disciple, Sharan had been living with Shanmukha Swami for the last twelve years. He has come

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here from Vijayapur. Twelve years ago, You appeared in a dream of Shanmukha Swami and said to him. "You get a child tomorrow early in the morning. You must arrange everything to protect the child." Speaking thus you disappeared soon. Shanmukha Swami woke up and saw a divine light in the dark. All of a sudden, the light lessened and the darkness prevailed everywhere. The following day, Shanmukha Swami got up and went to the flower garden as usual. The appearance of a handsome he-child under the flower tree attracted him. He was pleased to pick the child up and he brought the child in. Swamiji looked at me (then, I was present there), told me to take care of the child as my own and bring him everyday for Sravan (hearing). I brought up this child as my son and protected him. Now, he has deserted us. He used to have sravan (hearing) in vijayapur daily. He was always in the association of saint like people. One morning, we missed him and searched everywhere but we couldn't find him. Hearing the news that he came here, I came in his quest. Now, you should give him back." Hearing the words of the gentleman, Sadguru asked Sharan if he would go with him. Sharan replied Him that the company of worldly people would be the greatest single obstacle for spiritual progress and he would like to die at the Lotus feet of Siddharudha. He further told him that he would not leave him. Sadguru told the gentleman to observe his decision. Then, the gentleman said to him, "I don't force him to come with me. This boy is really blessed. Let him be at Your Feet". Having saluted Siddharudha, the gentleman was

ready to return. At that time, Sharan came, saluted him and asked him to forgive. The gentleman blessed him and went away. In the previous chapter, it was stated Siddharudha appeared in Danawwa's dream and took the child which was born out of

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her womb. He gave the same child to Shanmukha Swami and asked him to bring up the child in the company of the good men for twelve years. The same child becomes an intense seeker because of the good deeds done in the previous births and the company of the good people in this birth. Finally, he attained the Supreme Soul through the Grace of Sadguru.

The secondary meaning of the story was told in the last chapter. Sadgurunatha placed a jnana-putra (the son of knowledge) in association of good people (Satsanga). There, he was brought up under the able guidance of Shanmukha Swami. Then, he came to Sadguru and through his Grace

he attained the knowledge of
Brahma. Here Shivadas dedicates
the thirty first chapter of `Sri
Siddharudha Kathamrita' at the
Lotus feet of Sri Siddharudha,
which burns all the sins by just
hearing.

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Sri Ganeshaya Namah | Sri
Sadguru Siddharudhayanamah ||

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