

Why are you asleep?

English rendering of the words of Sree Ravi Daas

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Why are you asleep
Wake up; wake up
You believe your life
Why are you asleep?

O ignorant fool?
from your slumber of ignorance!
in this world is true?
Awaken, awaken!

That day which comes
You must march on
Our friends are leaving
We must go far away

will surely go away
nothing stays unchanged
we must leave as well
death hovers overhead

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The one who gave life
In each and every heart
Meditate on the Lord
Contemplate in your heart

will nourish you as well
He runs His shop
renounce egoism and self-conceit
the Name of the Lord

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Your life passes away
Evening has set in
Says Ravi Daas
Don't you realize

you've not arranged your path
soon darkness will surround
O ignorant madman!
this world is death's home?

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Note: You can read about Sree Ravi Daas at: www.shrigururavidass.com/home.html