

## Why are you asleep?

*English rendering of the words of Sree Ravi Daas*

*by Swami Suryadevananda*

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](http://www.shrigururavidass.com/home.html)