

1. My Horse

Gran-pa's walking-stick is my horse
Dancing and prancing at every single step

Walking along merrily without even a leg
Living and loving without a morsel of food
Hooves not nailed and back not saddled
You need not to pamper it and no need to cajole it
This, my lovely horse....gran-pa's walking stick.

The moon has a deer as a horse
Lord Shiva has Nandi serves as a horse
Hanuman is verily Lord Rama's horse
Pot-bellied Ganapa has a mouse for a horse
But for me, Gran-Pa's stick is my horse....

It stops when I ask, this lovely horse
And it cantors when I need, this lovely horse
It does not ask nor does it pester, my loving horse
Made of cane, I cannot part with it.
This, my lovely horse...gran-pa's walking-stick!

You cannot find it in the Arab's land
Nor can it be found in Kathiawad
Even the princes can't find such horse
Lucky me, I got it and it is my own.
This my lovely horse, Gran-Pa's walking-stick

2. Smile and make the world smile

Smile and make the world smile
Smile, let the face bloom
Let the habit of sullen face
be banished to a distant far

If you smile
The world will smile with you.
No one shares your sorrow
You have to weep alone.

Look, everything around you
Is laughing in glee and joy.
Flowers, birds, the moon
And the stars....
All of them are smiling Dear friend,

To live happily learn to sing and dance.
O, friend, learn to put up with sorrows
And bear the losses.

Smile, Jasmine like on your face
For your smiling face will
Enhances the respect with this world

3. Colourful Sprinkle

Holi has arrived!
It's an invasion of joy
Come let's sprinkle the coloured water
And smear the coloured powder!

Tickling the mind and body
Tickling the boys and girls
Singing a merry song
True! It's a flood of songs!

With a 'pichkaari' in his hand
Even a saint becomes a lover
Lo...it's a rainbow of colour!
This, colourful water

This spread of jolly showers
People are in love with colours
May this 'Okuli' of 'Holi'
Banish the boredom of routine!

4. Fruitseller's Song

Bananas fresh from Nanjanagudu
And tasty oranges from Coorg.
Guava fruits from Bidar district
And apples fresh from Bangalore .

Buy them and be happy
They will make you forget sugar cubes..

Pomogrenates from Madhugiri and
Sweet Lime from the western ghats.
Sweet Chikoo from Belgaum
And Devanahalli's pomelo

These will quench your tongue's craving
And strengthen your body.

Ganjam's anjeer, Tumkur jackfruit
Dharwad's alphonso mango
Malenadu's pineapple
Buy these and forget sweet candies

Enjoy varieties of fruits
Fruits of Kannada Land!

5. Children's Rights

Everyone's love,
Like a Candy, this love
Is the right of the children Everyone's care
And everyone's goodness
Are the rights of the children

Special protection
And special nourishment
Are the rights of the children

Good and tasty food
Nourishing snacks and milk
Are the rights of the children

Lovely dresses
Nice ornaments
Are the rights of the children

Growing well
And learning good things
Are the rights of the children

Proper education
And good literature
Are the rights of the children

Good environment
Good facilities
Are the rights of the children

Games and study
Sights and shows
Are the rights of the children

The armour of love
And the protection of morals
Are the rights of the children

On all occasions
First in line
Is the right of the children
Elders hear,
If you forget
These rights of the children
Life of yours,
Will be blunt
With terrible rust !

6. LEARN!

Learn to play the Veena
Learn to blow the flute
Mingle your voice
to their melody
And sing a lovely poem!
Dancing in tune with the song
Learn to bend your lean body like a string

Learn to earn and grow
And learn the drama with acting
Study and learn the knowledge
Let there may be acute difficulty

Learn to speak the truth!
Learn to walk together
Learn to work together.

Let the beauty of togetherness spread
Learn to share together
Learn your mother tongue
Learn to love your mother land
And Learn the art of making your mother land a Heaven

Ps – The above 6 poems have been translated into English by
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