

# **“One Sweet Voice”**

*from the Heart of Australia*

## **Siddha Yoga Chanting Tour: Australia 2014 (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**

I created a private viewing website for Siddha Yogis called, “One Sweet Voice” inspired by Gurumayi’s visit to Australia in 1997. I’ve recently added the additional songs performed for Gurumayi in Sydney and Melbourne by the Siddha Yoga Australian Community:

- [Welcome Song & SGMKJ](#)
- [I Am Australia & Lucky Day](#)
- [Feeling at Ease](#)

### **Gurumayi Musical Birthday Gift (1997)**

These songs plus, “[I Know I Am](#)” and “[At the Heart of Australia](#)” were part of the [first Birthday Gift for Gurumayi in 1997](#) involving the participation of the entire Siddha Yoga Australian and New Zealand Community:

“[One Voice at the Heart of Australia](#)” (1997) – (Low Res photo-copy)

The song, “I Know I Am” was performed for Gurumayi by the ashram residents in the Sydney Ashram on the 25 March 1997 and again, at her request, on the 1 April 1997 in the meditation hall.

I was invited by Gurumayi to come to Shree Muktananda Ashram. The highlight was attending the installation of the new Bhagvan Nityananda murti in the temple.

This special experience started a personal tradition of sending yearly Birthday Gifts to Gurumayi, [starting in 2000](#) after I visited Gurudev Siddha Peeth for the first time.

As you know:

On April, 1, 1997, at the conclusion of the Siddha Yoga Meditation Tour to Australia, Gurumayi said:

“In the future, there will be Chanting Tours.... The focus will be on chanting.... People will remember the goal: the inner attainment, the inner transformation, creating a true paradise in this very world.”

### **Gurumayi Musical Birthday Gift (2012) – Chanting Tour**

In 2012, I sent a special [Birthday Gift to Gurumayi](#), which included “A Wish, A Longing, A love” to have the chanting tour, announced back on 1 April 1997 in the Meditation Hall at the Sydney Ashram after we had performed the song “I Know I Am” for Gurumayi.

The gift featured a live home demo recording of the song: “We Become Everything” performed by Juanita Barea. We subsequently re-recorded the [song](#) in 2019 with [Tarryn Stokes](#) – 2019 (5’25”). Tarryn became the winner the Voice Australia (2023).

### **Siddha Yoga Chanting Tour: Australia 2014**

The wish and longing request sent to Gurumayi in 2012 for a [Chanting Tour](#) in Australia manifested with an initial announcement in 2013 and the actual event occurring in 2014.

[Carlos del Cueto](#) was asked by Gurumayi to be the conductor for the tour. [Jude Davies](#) was one of the teachers for the chanting tour, along with Carlos.

*This year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the tour...*

### **Gurumayi Musical Birthday Gift (2015)**

A longing to continue the Siddha Yoga Australian Chanting Tour inspired a [Birthday Gift for Gurumayi](#) in 2015. It was conceived in Melbourne and based on the theme of the gift in 1997. The [Siddha Yoga Community in Australia](#) joined together to create a melody based on the Raga of the Chanting Tour 2014:

[“One Voice from the Heart of Australia”](#) (2015)

It involved the loving and gracious participation of the entire Siddha Yoga Australian Community:

The gift was placed display at [Shree Muktananda Ashram](#).

We received this from Gurumayi:

*Gurumayi received the amazing gift that Siddha Yogis from all across Australia offered in honor of her birthday. How wonderful that Siddha Yoga Meditation Centers, chanting and meditation groups, and Siddha Yoga families united to create this splendid tribute in the form of a DVD! The offering of recorded notes combining to make a song for Gurumayi is both endearing and unique.*

*Gurumayi also received the spectacular album you sent with photos of Siddha Yogis in various locations throughout Australia. Each face radiated beams of love and gratitude.*

*Anatole, Gurumayi thanks you for this superb expression of appreciation on behalf of the Siddha Yogis in Australia. Please convey Gurumayi's thanks to everyone who helped to organize this grand gesture.*

*Gurumayi sends her love and blessings to you, Anatole, and to the entire Siddha Yoga sangham in Australia.*

### **Gurumayi Musical Birthday Gift (2016) – Global Finale**

The gift featured a special DVD production called [“Baba's last wish!”](#) in celebration of Baba Muktananda's 108<sup>th</sup> Birthday. It was a special [“Musical Offering”](#) of the songs/lyrics written, performed and/or presented to Gurumayi during the period 1997 to 2016.

- [DVD Movie](#)
- [Album](#)
- ['Gratitude Book' 2015-16](#)
- [Attachment to Overview](#)
- [Overview for Gurumayi](#)

A copy of Gurumayi's Birthday Gift from 2015 was sent to all the Centres and Chanting Groups around Australia on a [pradakshina journey](#), starting and finishing at Uluru. A [“Gratitude Book”](#) was spontaneously created on its journey.

As a final gesture, the Birthday Gift and Gratitude Book were energetically offered to the Heart of Australia — Uluru. This was done by singing the Guru Gita in Alice Springs on Sunday 22 May 2016 live at 7.30am (Northern Territory Time - 8.00am AEST) -- the ‘Song of the Guru’ on behalf of ‘One Voice from the Heart of Australia’.

We invited others to sing the Guru Gita at this time from wherever they were in Australia OR simply send your blessings. (The 22 May 2015 was the day that the National Management Team approved the final Birthday Gift for Gurumayi.)

The Guru Gita was recited at the same time in the Melbourne Ashram. Siddha Yogi's also offered the Guru Gita in the Manhattan Ashram in the USA. (Others around Australia also sang the Guru Gita for the offering.)

#### **Gurumayi Musical Birthday Gift (2017) - Invitation**

In 2017, I sent another special [Birthday Gift to Gurumayi](#) featuring the background to the inspiration of a new song I had composed called: "Stand Near a Fire: Light of your Love".

My letter to Gurumayi included a "Special Invitation": a heartfelt longing, wish and love for her to visit Australia for a special performance of this new song, similar to our offering back on 1 April 1997 at the Siddha Yoga Ashram in Sydney to celebrate the completion of the renovations to the Meditation Hall.

#### **Gurumayi Musical Birthday Gift (2018) – Second Invitation**

In 2018, I composed and recorded another song, called the "Heart of Australia". It was dedicated to the Sydney Ashram. The song above, "Stand near a Fire" was dedicated to the Melbourne Ashram.

I sent another [Birthday Gift to Gurumayi](#) including a second Special Invitation Card to visit Australia to see the major Ashram renovations in both Sydney and Melbourne.

It features [spectacular flying satellite views](#) of the Sydney Ashram (pre and post major Meditation Hall renovations); Shree Muktananda Ashram and the Major renovations of the Melbourne Ashram.

I would love for you to re-share this particular [Musical Birthday Gift](#) with Gurumayi.

#### **Blessings for 2019 to 2023**

The song, "[Heart of Australia](#)" inspired an [initiative](#) developed over in 2019/20. It then inspired the "[Journey to the Heart](#)" in 2021 – starting on 14 February and culminating on 26 October of each year. We then initiated a project called [Heart Connections](#) in 2022. Then in 2023, we initiated a pilot program by inviting the [Boys Choir at Brighton Grammar School](#) to learn and perform the song, Heart of Australia. Hayley Blakiston, Head of Junior School Music, Acting Head of Choral ultimately stated the *"...the boys loved learning and singing it."*

#### **Blessings for 2024**

My [wish and longing for 2024](#) is for more chanting tours in the world. As [announced](#) in 1997 that the, "...focus will be on chanting.... People will remember the goal: the inner attainment, the inner transformation, creating a true paradise in this very world."

Chanting the name of God to transform the world.

Hope you enjoy.

