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All scriptures uniformly declare that a spiritual seeker requires the guidance of a Guru. Guru is one who has discovered the Lord in himself and is able to guide his disciple to the same discovery. As such, for a disciple, Guru represents the Lord Himself. A disciple who worships his Guru with such an attitude soon discovers the glory of his Guru and the Lord in himself . Hence it is said:

गुरुर्ब्रह्मा गुरुर्विष्णुः गुरुर्देवो महेश्वरः ।  
गुरुस्साक्षात् परं ब्रह्म तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः ॥  
यस्य देवे परा भक्तिः यथा देवे तथा गुरौ ।  
तस्यैते कथिता ह्यर्थाः प्रकाशन्ते महात्मनः ॥

Guru is Brahma. Guru is Vishnu. Guru is Siva. Guru is Param Brahma itself. Salutations to Sri Guru.

All the teachings of scriptures become evident to that noble seeker who has intense devotion to the Lord and devotion to his Guru which is as deep as the devotion to the Lord.

Smt. Pushpa Srivatsan is a seeker who looks upon Sadguru Sri Tyagaraja as her Guru, God and everything. By the grace of Sri Tyagaraja she imbibed music, veena and also the capacity to poetically express the deep feelings of her communion with her Guru and God Sri Tyagaraja. These Namavali-s are outpourings which have occurred to her during moments of inspiration. These Namavalis have been published as an offering to her Guru Saint Tyagaraja.

May all devotees, especially the devotees of Sri Tyagaraja, derive inspiration from this work and attain Ramabhaktisamrajyam.

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