

Om Jai Shiv Omkara

ॐ जय शिव ओंकारा

Om Jai Shiv Omkara is one of the most widely sung Hindi aartis of Lord Shiva. Its refrain and eleven stanzas praise him as Om itself, in whom Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva are one, and the closing stanza names Swami Shivanand as the poet. Families sing it with a lamp at the end of Shiva puja, especially on Mondays, in Shravan and on Maha Shivratri.

Refrain

Om Jai Shiv Omkara, Swami Jai Shiv Omkara
Brahma Vishnu Sadashiv, Ardhangi Dhara

Glory to Shiva, the Lord who is Om itself. Glory to you, O Master! You are Brahma, Vishnu and Sadashiva, and you hold your beloved as half of your own body.

Stanza 1

Ekanan Chaturanan Panchanan Raje
Hansasan Garudasan Vrishvahan Saje ||1||

You shine with one face, with four faces and with five; you are seated on the swan, on Garuda and on the bull.

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Stanza 2

Do Bhuj Char Chaturbhuj Dasbhuj Ati Sohe
Trigun Roop Nirakhte Tribhuvan Jan Mohe ||2||

With two arms, with four arms and with ten arms you look most splendid; beholding your threefold form, the people of the three worlds are enchanted.

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Stanza 3

Akshamala Vanamala Mundamala Dhari
Chandan Mrigmad Sohail Bhale Shashidhari ||3||

*You wear the rosary of rudraksha, the garland of forest flowers and the garland of skulls;
sandalwood and musk adorn you, and the crescent moon rests on your brow.*

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Stanza 4

Shvetambar Pitambar Baghambar Ange
Sanakadik Garunadik Bhootadik Sange ||4||

*White garments, yellow silk and the tiger skin adorn your body; the sages led by Sanaka,
Garuda and his kin, and the bhutas are ever by your side.*

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Stanza 5

Kar Ke Madhya Kamandalu Chakra Trishuldhari
Sukhkari Dukhhari Jagpalankari ||5||

*In your hands you hold the water-pot, the discus and the trident; you give happiness, take
away sorrow and sustain the world.*

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Stanza 6

**Brahma Vishnu Sadashiv Janat Aviveka
Pranavakshar Madhye Ye Teenon Eka ॥6॥**

Only the unwise think of Brahma, Vishnu and Sadashiva as separate; within the sacred syllable Om, these three are one.

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Stanza 7

**Lakshmi Va Savitri Parvati Sanga
Parvati Ardhangi, Shivalahari Ganga ॥7॥**

Lakshmi, Savitri and Parvati are with you; Parvati is the half of your body, and the Ganga flows as Shiva's own wave.

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Stanza 8

**Parvat Sohain Parvati, Shankar Kailasa
Bhang Dhatur Ka Bhojan, Bhasmi Mein Vasa ॥8॥**

Parvati graces the mountain, and Shankar dwells on Kailash; bhang and dhatura are his food, and he makes his home in sacred ash.

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Stanza 9

**Jata Mein Ganga Bahat Hai, Gal Mundan Mala
Shesh Naag Liptavat, Odhat Mrigchhala ॥9॥**

The Ganga flows through your matted locks and a garland of skulls hangs at your throat; the great serpent coils around you, and you wrap yourself in deerskin.

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Stanza 10

Kashi Mein Viraje Vishwanath, Nandi Brahmachari
Nit Uth Darshan Pavat, Mahima Ati Bhari ॥10॥

*In Kashi you reign as Vishwanath, with Nandi the celibate devotee before you; those who rise
each day for your darshan find your glory beyond measure.*

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Stanza 11

Trigunswami Ji Ki Aarti, Jo Koi Nar Gave
Kahat Shivanand Swami, Manvanchhit Phal Pave ॥11॥

*Whoever sings this aarti of the Lord of the three gunas, says Swami Shivanand, receives the
fruit the heart longs for.*

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Source: Traditional Hindi aarti; full sung form as given by drikpanchang.com "Shri Shiv Ji Ki Aarti", cross-checked
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