

DECAD OF GOLD BRIGHT

1. Of gold-bright form, the lotus-faced One, rare realisation spreading fragrance all over the earth! Having heard of your fame, poor as I am, I looked for you throughout the world and reached you here, my gracious Lord, wise Ramana, Hill of Light!
2. Dwelling as the Brahmin living in Virupaksha Cave on the sacred Hill of Light called Sonagiri, the primordial, eternal treasure. O Ramana, the pure, make me your own without testing me for you indeed are the Supreme!
3. Life of Supreme Consciousness-Bliss, honey of bliss, thick syrup of rare bliss, indivisible One. O Ramana! You, the celestial wish-fulfilling tree, eagerly I ran to you. Knowledge incarnate, pure Being, save me by your merciful gaze.
4. Place your most holy soft feet on my head this very moment, that I might gain a life free from pain and be cured of the disease of recurring births! Ever-renewing Ramana, living silent in Arunachala, unknown even to the Gods, tell me when I might attain to you, O pupil of my eyes!
5. 'Pupil' is all I can say; otherwise I am ignorant and helpless. Can you be unaware how I cry in anguish, here at your side? Hail Sundara Ramana! Put down the spectre of my ego and strike it with the axe of knowledge, so that it may leave me here and now!

PONNOLIR PATTU

1. Ponnolir vadivi nānē pūraṇa vadanat tānē
Tannaruṅ suvānu bhūti tarai-yelām maṇakka yēzhai
Unna-rum puḡazhaik kēṭṭiv ulagelān tēḍi vandēn
Enna-ruḷ iṟaiyē jñāna Ramaṇanē jōtik kundṛē.
2. Jōtiyē vaḍivāi ninḍra sōṇamā sailan tannil
Vēdiya uruvi nōḍu viru-pākṣha guhaiyin mēvum
Ādiyē anādi vaippē amalanē Ramaṇa ennaic
Sōdiya dāṇḍu koḷvāi chirpara sorūpa nīyē.
3. Chirparā nanda vāzhvē sivat-toḍuṅ kalanda tēnē
Aṟbu-dā nan-dap pāhē akaṇ-ḍanē Ramaṇa unnaik
Kaṟpahat taruvāi nāḍik kaḍi-dezhun dōḍi-vandēn
Viṟpana uruvē kāvāi vimalanē aruṭ-kaṇ tandē.
4. Tan-diḍāi taḷir-poṟ pādamaṅ tami-yanēn sirattiṟ sūdi
Nondiḍa vāzhva deidi noḍi-yadiṟ bhavanōi pōkka
Andaṇā amarar kāṇā Aruṇai-vāzh Ramaṇā mōnā
Enda-nāḷ aḍaiva nunnai iru-vizhi maṇiyē sollāi.
5. Maṇi-yenap puḡazhva-dallān maṭ-ṭronḍ-ṟum aṟiyā ēzhai
Aṇimaiyi ninḍru yānum alaṟuva daṟin diḍāyō
Taṇi-yena dahappē yinḍru chaḍuk-kena enaiviṭ ṭōḍat
Tuṇi-yadai jñāna vāḷāl Sundara Ramaṇā pōṭṭri

6. Certainly Ramana is the universe with the sun, the moon and the stars! Ramana is the shining light of diamonds sparkling in the Heart! Ramana is the Lord sporting with the merry-go-round of the unstained Vedas! Ramana is the beatific Lord of Knowledge!
7. Your holy feet, not known even to Brahma and Vishnu ever eager to gain them, can in an instant efface all thought and stop the mind from wandering and fix it on the holy feet (of Arunachaleswara). Moon-crested Ramana! Sole Reality! Life of Yoga! Allay my grief!
8. Ramana of profound yoga-knowledge! Unrivalled beauty! Ever-growing flame, you hold within yourself the fire of knowledge which burns away the names and forms of the vast universe! Praise the Lord of Sonagiri!
9. Lord Ramana! I sought your holy feet. You are unfailing knowledge, silence and the Supreme beyond all thought. Your heart is the centre that unifies the individual and Supreme. You are the ultimate Reality beyond birth and death.
10. Long live Ramana, ever-abiding on Sonagiri!
Praise Siva with Ganga in his matted hair and His Virupaksha cave! Long live this golden hymn by Venkataramayyar, which rids one of all ills.

6. Ramaṇanē jagat tinōḍum ravi-yuḍu gaṇaṅga lānōn
 Ramaṇanē ahatti-lāḍum rattinac chuḍar viḷakkām
 Ramaṇanē vimala vēda rāṭṭinat tāḍum dēvan
 Ramaṇanē jñāna nāṭṭil ramit-tiḍum arasāi ninḍrōn.
7. Ninḍriḍu ninaivu tannai nimi-ḍattil nīkki neṅjai
 Anḍrayan ṭiru-māl āindiṭ ṭarin-diḍa azhagan pādām
 Sen-ḍriḍa niṟut-tuñ sōma sēkara Ramaṇa mūrti
 Enperun tuyara nīkkāi ēkanē yōga vāzhvē.
8. Vāzhn-diḍum ulagi-nōḍu vaḍi-vuṟu nāma-mellān
 Tāzhn-diḍa jñānap pārvait tazha-ladait tanakkuḷ vaittōi
 Āzhn-diḍum yōga jñāna Ramaṇanē azhagin mikkōi
 Sūzhn-diḍuñ suḍarē sōṇa malai-vaḷar punida dēvē.
9. Dēvanē Ramaṇā pādām tēḍi-nēn teviṭṭā jñāna
 Bhāvanā tīta mōnap param poruḷ uruvi nānē
 Jīvanuñ siva-mum onḍrāyt tēkkiya uḷatti-nānē
 Sāvadum piṟappum illāt tattuva muḍi-vāi ninḍrōi.
10. Ninḍri-ḍuñ sōṇa saila nilait-tiḍum Ramaṇan vāzhi
 Minḍrihazh saḍaiya nōḍu viru-pākṣha guhai-yum vāzhi
 Venḍriḍun tunbam pōkka Vēñkaṭa Ramaṇan chollum
 Ponḍrihazh virutta mālai poli-vuṟa vāzhi vāzhi.