

The Path of Divine Surrender: A Spiritual Analysis of Rabindranath Tagore's "Ami Tomar Premer Hobo Sobar Kolonkho Bhagi"

(A Comprehensive Examination of Devotional Transcendence in Rabindra Sangeet and Hindu Spiritual Practice)

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ABSTRACT

This comprehensive study presents an in-depth analysis of Rabindranath Tagore's profound devotional composition "Ami Tomar Premer Hobo Sobar Kolonkho Bhagi" ("I will bear everyone's shame in your love"), exploring its multifaceted spiritual significance within the rich context of Hindu devotional traditions. Through detailed textual examination, musical analysis, and contextual interpretation, this research illuminates how the song articulates a fundamental aspect of authentic spiritual pursuit: the transformative willingness to transcend societal judgment and embrace divine love regardless of worldly consequences. The investigation establishes how the song's central message harmonizes with core Hindu philosophical concepts, particularly those found in Bhakti traditions, Upanishadic thought, and Tantric practice, where the devotee's surrender (sharanagati) necessarily involves moving beyond conventional social and religious boundaries. Drawing on comparative analysis with other devotional traditions and examining the song's continued relevance in contemporary spiritual discourse, this study demonstrates how Tagore's composition offers profound insight into the paradoxical journey of spiritual seekers who must often navigate societal disapproval to achieve authentic divine communion. The research further contextualizes the work within Tagore's broader philosophical vision and personal spiritual journey, revealing how this composition represents a perfect synthesis of artistic expression and spiritual wisdom that continues to inspire seekers across cultural and religious boundaries.

Keywords- Rabindranath Tagore, Rabindra Sangeet, Bhakti, Spiritual Surrender, Hindu Devotional Practice, Divine Love, Transformative Spirituality, Sharanagati, Bengali Music.

I. INTRODUCTION

Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941), Nobel laureate, poet, philosopher, and one of India's most profound spiritual voices, created a vast collection of devotional songs that continue to resonate deeply within the spiritual landscape of the Indian subcontinent and

beyond. Among these works, "Ami Tomar Premer Hobo Sobar Kolonkho Bhagi" stands as a powerful expression of devotional surrender that transcends conventional religious boundaries while simultaneously embodying the deepest principles of Hindu spiritual traditions.

This song, composed as part of Tagore's Rabindra Sangeet collection, explores the challenging

yet transformative spiritual path of the devotee who willingly accepts societal judgment and condemnation as an integral aspect of their devotional journey. The central phrase "kolonkho bhagi" (one who bears shame or stigma) reveals a profound spiritual truth that has been recognized across mystical traditions: authentic devotion often requires moving beyond societal approval and conventional religious practice to embrace a direct, unmediated relationship with the divine.

This research examines how Tagore's composition illuminates a universal truth within Hindu spiritual traditions—that the path to authentic spiritual realization frequently involves bearing the disapproval of mainstream society. By analyzing the song's themes against the backdrop of Hindu devotional practices, particularly within the Bhakti tradition, this paper demonstrates how Tagore articulates a timeless spiritual principle: true followers of divinity must often walk a path that invites societal judgment and misunderstanding as they pursue their spiritual quest.

The significance of this investigation extends beyond literary or musical analysis, touching on fundamental questions about the nature of spiritual authenticity, the relationship between social convention and spiritual freedom, and the transformative power of divine love. Through a comprehensive examination of "Ami Tomar Premer Hobo Sobar Kolonkho Bhagi," this research aims to deepen our understanding of how artistic expression can articulate profound spiritual principles that transcend cultural and historical boundaries.

II. METHODOLOGY AND RESEARCH APPROACH

This study employs a multidisciplinary approach that integrates textual analysis, musicological examination, philosophical interpretation, and historical contextualization. Primary research materials include the original Bengali text of "Ami Tomar Premer Hobo Sobar Kolonkho Bhagi," its musical notation from the Geetabitan collection, Tagore's own writings on spirituality and devotion, and contemporary scholarly interpretations of Rabindra Sangeet.

The analytical framework draws on hermeneutic principles that acknowledge both the historical context of the composition and its continued relevance in contemporary spiritual discourse. This approach allows for a nuanced understanding of how Tagore's artistic expression embodies philosophical principles while speaking to the lived experience of spiritual seekers across time and cultural boundaries.

In examining the song's spiritual significance, this research engages with both traditional Hindu philosophical frameworks and comparative mystical traditions, revealing how Tagore's composition articulates universal spiritual principles while remaining rooted in the specific cultural and religious context of Bengal.

III. HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT

3.1 Tagore's Spiritual Background and Evolution

Rabindranath Tagore was raised in a household deeply influenced by both traditional Hinduism and the progressive Brahmo Samaj, a reform movement that rejected idol worship and emphasized direct communion with the divine. His father, Debendranath Tagore, was a prominent leader in the Brahmo Samaj who embraced a universalist spiritual vision while maintaining deep connections to Hindu philosophical traditions (Sen, 2018). This dual influence shaped Tagore's unique spiritual perspective, which emphasized personal devotion while transcending sectarian boundaries.

Tagore's spiritual journey was marked by significant evolution throughout his life. In his early years, he was primarily influenced by the monotheistic principles of the Brahmo Samaj, but his exposure to Baul singers, Vaishnava literature, and Upanishadic philosophy gradually expanded his spiritual vision (Dasgupta, 2021). His travels to England, Japan, and the United States further broadened his perspective, allowing him to integrate Western philosophical ideas with Eastern spiritual traditions.

As noted by scholars, Tagore's devotional compositions reflect a "spirituality that finds newer avenues in sorrows and sufferings, agonies and expectations, languishment and laughter" (Chakrabarti, as cited in *Exotic India Art*). His work often synthesized classical devotional themes with contemporary philosophical insights, creating a bridge between traditional devotional practice and modern spiritual seeking.

Tagore's experiences of personal loss—including the deaths of his wife, two children, and father within a brief period—profoundly shaped his spiritual sensibility, infusing his devotional compositions with a deep understanding of suffering and transcendence (Thompson, 2021). These biographical elements are essential for understanding the emotional depth and authenticity that characterize compositions like "Ami Tomar Premer Hobo Sobar Kolonkho Bhagi."

3.2 The Rabindra Sangeet Tradition in Context

"Ami Tomar Premer Hobo Sobar Kolonkho Bhagi" belongs to the devotional category of Rabindra Sangeet, a body of songs composed by Tagore that includes approximately 2,230 works. Within Hindu tradition, these songs are classified as part of the "Prem Porjaay" (romantic) or "Puja Porjaay" (devotional) categories, though scholars have noted that "it often becomes difficult, if not impossible, on hearing a song, to determine if it falls in the devotional genre or the romantic. The line between the two is blurred" (Rabindra Sangeet, 2025).

This ambiguity between romantic and devotional sentiment is a hallmark of the Bhakti

tradition, where devotion to the divine is often expressed through metaphors of human love and longing. The song under examination embraces this complexity, using the language of personal devotion and sacrifice to express spiritual surrender.

Rabindra Sangeet emerged during a period of significant cultural transformation in Bengal, with Tagore drawing on diverse musical influences including classical Hindustani traditions, Carnatic elements, Western melodies, and Bengali folk music (particularly Baul music) (Chaudhuri, 2020). This syncretic approach resulted in a distinctive musical tradition that transcended conventional categories while maintaining deep connections to traditional spiritual expression.

The devotional songs in the Rabindra Sangeet collection demonstrate Tagore's ability to transform classical religious themes into accessible expressions of spiritual truth that resonated with both traditional practitioners and modern seekers. "Ami Tomar Premer Hobo Sobar Kolonkho Bhagi" exemplifies this transformative approach, using familiar devotional imagery in service of a profound spiritual message that challenged conventional religious understanding.

3.3 Historical Context: Bengal Renaissance and Spiritual Revival

The composition of "Ami Tomar Premer Hobo Sobar Kolonkho Bhagi" occurred within the broader context of the Bengal Renaissance, a period of cultural and intellectual revitalization that sought to integrate traditional Hindu wisdom with modern ideas and progressive social values (Mukherjee, 2022). This cultural movement, which emerged in response to both colonial influence and internal reform impulses, provided the framework for Tagore's innovative approach to devotional expression.

During this period, Bengal witnessed a revival of interest in traditional Bhakti literature, including the works of medieval Bengali poets such as Chandidas and Vidyapati, whose love-infused devotional compositions significantly influenced Tagore's approach to spiritual themes (Banerjee, 2023). Simultaneously, reformist movements like the Brahmo Samaj were challenging conventional religious practices and emphasizing a more personal, direct relationship with the divine.

This historical context illuminates the revolutionary nature of "Ami Tomar Premer Hobo Sobar Kolonkho Bhagi," which represents both a continuation of traditional devotional expression and a radical reimagining of spiritual relationship that resonated with the transformative impulses of the Bengal Renaissance.

IV. MUSICAL ANALYSIS AND AESTHETIC DIMENSIONS

4.1 Musical Structure and Composition

"Ami Tomar Premer Hobo Sobar Kolonkho Bhagi" demonstrates Tagore's masterful integration of musical structure with spiritual meaning. The song is

composed in the raga Bhairavi, a morning raga associated with devotion and spiritual awakening, which perfectly complements the theme of spiritual surrender (Roy, 2022). The composition follows a traditional taal (rhythmic pattern) that creates a meditative, flowing quality appropriate to its devotional content.

The melodic structure of the song features a gradual ascent that mirrors the spiritual journey described in the lyrics, beginning in the lower register and gradually rising to express emotional intensity before returning to a peaceful resolution (Chattopadhyay, 2021). This musical architecture creates an emotional trajectory that reinforces the spiritual narrative of surrender, struggle, and ultimate transcendence.

Tagore's use of specific ornamentations (gamaks) at key moments in the composition emphasizes the emotional nuances of the devotional journey, with meend (gliding between notes) and murki (rapid ornamentation) used to express both the pain of societal judgment and the ecstasy of divine connection (Ghosh, 2023). These technical elements demonstrate how Tagore employed musical structure as an integral component of spiritual expression.

4.2 Performance Tradition and Interpretive Evolution

The performance tradition surrounding "Ami Tomar Premer Hobo Sobar Kolonkho Bhagi" has evolved significantly since its composition, with notable interpretations by artists including Hemanta Mukhopadhyay, Suchitra Mitra, and Kanika Banerjee (Mukhopadhyay, 2024). Each of these performers has brought unique interpretive nuances to the composition, emphasizing different aspects of its spiritual message through subtle variations in tempo, ornamentation, and emotional emphasis.

Contemporary performances of the song often feature instrumental accompaniment that enhances its devotional quality, with the harmonium, sarod, and tabla creating a meditative soundscape that supports the spiritual journey described in the lyrics (Bandyopadhyay, 2021). This evolving performance tradition demonstrates how Tagore's composition continues to inspire new interpretations while maintaining its essential spiritual message.

The song's reception history reveals its enduring impact on both performers and audiences, with many describing profound emotional and spiritual experiences during performances (Sarkar, 2023). This affective dimension of the composition demonstrates how Tagore successfully created a work that functions not merely as artistic expression but as a vehicle for spiritual transformation.

V. TEXTUAL ANALYSIS AND PHILOSOPHICAL DEPTH

5.1 Full Lyrics and Translation

The complete text of "Ami Tomar Premer Hobo Sobar Kolonkho Bhagi" in Bengali, with English

translation, reveals the depth and complexity of its spiritual message:

আমি তোমার প্রেমের হব সবার কলঙ্ক ভাগী
আমি তোমার পথ হতে কাঁটা কুড়াব, সবার সঙ্গে রব
জাগি
তুমি যেথায় পায় পায় ফেলেছ ধূলিতে দাগ,
সুচি-আসন ত্যাগ করে আমি সেথায় পাতিব বাস।
সবার মাঝে তুমি যাবে ঘৃণা কর, আমি তারে ভালোবাসি।
যদি তোমার সভায় আমারে না দাও স্থান,
তবে সেথায় পাতিব না পায় বাহিরে দাঁড়াব আসি।

English translation:

I will bear everyone's shame in your love,
I will gather thorns from your path, staying awake with
everyone.

Where you have left footprints in the dust step by step,
Abandoning the pure seat, I will spread my dwelling
there.

Whom you despise among all, I will love them.
If you do not give me a place in your assembly,
Then I will not set foot there but stand outside.

This translation, while capturing the literal meaning, cannot fully convey the nuanced emotional and spiritual resonances of the original Bengali text, which employs specific terms with deep cultural and philosophical significance (Rahman, 2023).

5.2 Key Themes and Imagery

The song's opening line, "Ami tomar preme hobo sobar kolonko bhagi" ("I will bear everyone's shame in your love"), establishes the central theme: the devotee's willingness to accept social stigma as part of their devotional path. This frames devotion not as a socially approved religious practice but as a radical commitment that may invite misunderstanding and judgment.

The imagery of the devotee gathering thorns from the divine's path and spreading their garment where the divine's footprints lie in the dust reveals a posture of complete humility and service. This imagery invokes classical devotional literature, particularly the tradition of pada-sevana (service to the feet of the divine), which represents total surrender and devotion.

The contrast between the "pure seat" (suchi-aason) of conventional worship and the dust where the divine has walked illustrates the tension between institutionalized religion and authentic spiritual experience. The devotee rejects the formal, "pure" setting of religious observance in favor of direct connection with the divine presence, even in humble circumstances.

The final stanzas of the song introduce a profound paradox: the devotee declares their intention to love those whom the divine appears to despise, suggesting a form of devotion that transcends even divine judgment. This radical position places the devotee

in a complex relationship with both society and divinity, occupying a liminal space that challenges conventional understandings of religious hierarchy (Chatterjee, 2022). The concluding image of the devotee standing outside the divine assembly rather than setting foot inside represents both the acceptance of exclusion and the maintenance of dignified devotion despite rejection. This powerful imagery suggests that true devotion maintains its integrity even when faced with apparent divine indifference or rejection (Kumar, 2021).

5.3 Spiritual Surrender in Hindu Tradition

The concept of bearing shame or stigma (kolonkho bhagi) resonates deeply with Hindu devotional traditions, particularly Bhakti Yoga, which emphasizes surrender (sharanagati) as essential to spiritual realization. As described in spiritual texts, Bhakti is "a surrender to the divine with one's heart" and can be practiced through "devotion to a formless being (God, Cosmic Lord)" or "devotion to a personal God or goddess" (The Art of Living, 2022).

This concept of sharanagati (complete surrender) appears throughout Hindu scriptural traditions, from the Bhagavad Gita's instruction to "abandon all dharmas and surrender only to Me" (18.66) to the Shrimad Bhagavatam's emphasis on surrender as the highest spiritual practice (Vyas, 2023). In the Vaishnava tradition, particularly in the teachings of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, surrender is understood as the essence of devotion, transcending ritual observance and intellectual understanding (Kapoor, 2021).

The willingness to bear social disapproval aligns with the Hindu concept of the spiritual seeker who transcends societal norms in pursuit of higher truth. From the wandering Nayanars and Alvars of South India to figures like Mirabai who defied social conventions, Hindu tradition contains numerous examples of devotees who faced societal rejection on their spiritual path.

In the Baul tradition of Bengal, which significantly influenced Tagore, the concept of the spiritual practitioner as a social outsider is particularly prominent. Baul practitioners often deliberately transgressed social boundaries as part of their spiritual practice, embodying the principle of "kolonkho bhagi" through their unconventional lifestyle and spiritual expression (Jha, 2023).

The Tantric traditions of Hinduism similarly emphasize the transcendence of conventional social categories as part of spiritual practice, with practitioners often deliberately engaging with socially stigmatized practices or substances as part of their sadhana (spiritual discipline) (Flood, 2022). This willingness to embrace social stigma as part of spiritual practice forms an important philosophical backdrop for understanding Tagore's composition.

VI. THE UNIVERSAL MESSAGE: BEARING SHAME IN AUTHENTIC SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

6.1 *Beyond Conventional Religion*

The song articulates a profound critique of ritualistic religious practice. By contrasting the "pure seat" (suchi-aason) with the dust where the divine has walked, Tagore suggests that authentic spirituality often lies outside the boundaries of conventional religious observance. This aligns with the teachings found in the Bhagavad Gita, where Krishna instructs Arjuna to "abandon all varieties of religion and just surrender unto Me" (Chapter 18, Verse 66).

This critique of religious formalism appears throughout Tagore's writings, particularly in works like "Religion of Man," where he distinguishes between institutional religion and personal spiritual experience (Tagore, 1931/2021). For Tagore, authentic spirituality involved direct communion with the divine presence that manifests throughout creation, rather than adherence to fixed religious forms (Mukherjee, 2022).

This abandonment of religious convention often invites social judgment, creating the "kolonkho" (stigma) referenced in the song. The true devotee accepts this judgment as part of the spiritual journey, recognizing that authentic devotion may appear inappropriate or even scandalous to those bound by conventional religious understanding.

The song's emphasis on loving those whom the divine appears to despise suggests a radical universalism that transcends conventional religious categories of purity and impurity, worthiness and unworthiness. This perspective aligns with Tagore's broader philosophical vision, which emphasized the essential unity of humanity beyond religious divisions (Ray, 2022).

6.2 *The Transformative Path of Surrender*

The willingness to bear shame represents a transformative spiritual principle found throughout Hindu thought. In surrendering to divine love despite social disapproval, the devotee undergoes a radical transformation of identity and social belonging. This transformation mirrors the Hindu concept of spiritual death and rebirth, where the ego-self dies to allow the divine self to emerge.

As described in spiritual texts, "By letting go of attachments and ego, individuals can experience a profound sense of liberation and fulfillment" (Hindu Mythology, 2024). The devotee who accepts "kolonkho" (stigma) demonstrates this letting go, prioritizing divine connection above social approval and conventional identity.

The transformative nature of this surrender appears in the Upanishadic concept of self-realization, where the individual self (atman) recognizes its identity with the universal self (Brahman) through a process that

involves transcending conventional social and personal identities (Sharma, 2022). This transformative process often involves periods of social misunderstanding and judgment, as the seeker moves beyond conventional frameworks of meaning and value.

In Tagore's spiritual vision, this transformative surrender leads not to passive resignation but to a dynamic engagement with both divine and human reality. The devotee who bears shame becomes capable of a more authentic relationship with both the divine and with humanity, freed from the constraints of conventional social judgment (Banerjee, 2021).

6.3 *Paradoxical Aspects of Devotional Love*

A striking feature of "Ami Tomar Premer Hobo Sobar Kolonkho Bhagi" is its articulation of paradox as central to the devotional experience. The devotee embraces shame while experiencing divine love, stands outside while maintaining connection, and loves those whom the divine appears to reject (Das, 2023). These paradoxes reflect the complex nature of authentic spiritual experience, which often transcends logical categories and conventional religious understanding.

This paradoxical quality aligns with the concept of "viraha bhakti" (devotion in separation) found in Vaishnava traditions, where separation from the divine becomes itself a form of connection (Chatterjee, 2022). The devotee who stands outside the divine assembly while maintaining devotion embodies this paradoxical relationship, which transforms apparent rejection into a form of intimate connection.

The paradoxical nature of devotional experience in Tagore's composition reflects the influence of both Baul tradition, with its emphasis on the union of opposites, and Upanishadic philosophy, with its recognition that the ultimate reality transcends conventional categories of understanding (Dasgupta, 2022). This paradoxical quality makes the song not merely a devotional statement but a profound philosophical expression that invites continued contemplation and interpretation.

VII. COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES: CROSS-CULTURAL RESONANCES

7.1 *Parallels in Other Mystical Traditions*

While rooted in Hindu devotional tradition, the song's central message transcends religious boundaries. The willingness to bear societal disapproval in pursuit of spiritual truth appears across world religions—from Jesus's teachings about being "hated by all" for his name's sake to the Sufi concept of *malamati* (the way of blame), where spiritual practitioners deliberately invited social criticism.

In Christian mysticism, particularly in the works of figures like Meister Eckhart and St. John of the Cross, we find similar themes of embracing divine love despite social misunderstanding and judgment

(Williams, 2023). The concept of the "holy fool" in Orthodox Christian tradition provides another parallel, with spiritual practitioners deliberately transgressing social norms as part of their devotional path (Parker, 2022).

In Sufi tradition, the concept of "skandalon" (scandal or stumbling block) appears in various forms, with practitioners often embracing unconventional behavior that invited social criticism as part of their spiritual discipline (Ahmed, 2021). The Persian poet Rumi's description of love as both "a hundred thousand fires" and "the sweetest food" reflects a similar paradoxical understanding of devotional experience that transcends conventional categories (Lawrence, 2022).

These cross-cultural parallels suggest that Tagore's composition articulates a spiritual truth that transcends particular religious frameworks, speaking to a universal aspect of authentic spiritual experience that involves moving beyond conventional social and religious boundaries.

7.2 Tagore's Universalist Vision

Tagore's articulation of this universal spiritual principle reflects his broader universalist vision, which sought to transcend religious divisions while honoring the spiritual wisdom found in diverse traditions (Sen, 2021). In works like "The Religion of Man," Tagore articulated a vision of spirituality based on direct human experience rather than fixed doctrinal frameworks, emphasizing the universal human capacity for divine connection beyond religious boundaries.

This universalist perspective makes "Ami Tomar Premer Hobo Sobar Kolonkho Bhagi" not merely a Hindu devotional composition but an expression of spiritual truth that speaks across cultural and religious divisions. By articulating the universal principle of bearing shame in pursuit of authentic spiritual connection, Tagore created a work that continues to resonate with spiritual seekers from diverse backgrounds and traditions.

VIII. CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE AND APPLICATION

8.1 Modern Spiritual Seeking and Social Conformity

In contemporary society, where religious practice is often shaped by social convention and cultural expectation, Tagore's song offers a powerful reminder that authentic spiritual pursuit may require moving beyond social approval. Modern spiritual seekers, like the devotee in the song, may find themselves navigating the tension between conventional religious practice and authentic spiritual experience.

The "kolonkho bhagi" (bearer of shame) archetype speaks to anyone whose spiritual journey has led them beyond the boundaries of accepted religious expression. Whether in questioning traditional doctrines, exploring practices from diverse traditions, or prioritizing direct spiritual experience over institutional

authority, today's seekers often face the same social judgment described in Tagore's composition.

In an era characterized by religious polarization and institutional rigidity, Tagore's emphasis on authentic spiritual experience beyond conventional boundaries offers a valuable alternative perspective that prioritizes direct divine connection over religious conformity (Kumar, 2023). This message resonates particularly strongly with contemporary spiritual seekers who find themselves navigating between traditional religious forms and authentic personal experience.

The song's message also speaks to the situation of marginalized practitioners within religious traditions, offering validation for those whose authentic spiritual expression may be judged or excluded by mainstream religious institutions (Singh, 2022). By affirming the spiritual authenticity of those who bear social stigma, Tagore's composition provides encouragement for seekers who find themselves on the margins of conventional religious practice.

8.2 Spiritual Authenticity in Digital Age

In the contemporary digital landscape, where spiritual expression often becomes performative and subject to social media metrics of approval, Tagore's message about bearing shame in pursuit of authentic connection acquires new relevance (Bhattacharya, 2023). The willingness to pursue spiritual truth beyond social approval stands in stark contrast to spirituality as personal brand or social performance, offering a countercultural message about authenticity in an age of curated spiritual personas.

The paradoxical quality of Tagore's spiritual vision; embracing divine love while standing outside conventional religious spaces, speaks to the complex navigation of spiritual identity in a pluralistic global context, where seekers often inhabit multiple spiritual traditions simultaneously or find themselves between established religious categories (Roy, 2022). This liminal spiritual positioning, once seen as deviation, increasingly represents the lived experience of contemporary seekers navigating a complex religious landscape.

IX. PEDAGOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Teaching Tagore's Devotional Works

The complex philosophical content and artistic richness of "Ami Tomar Premer Hobo Sobar Kolonkho Bhagi" present valuable opportunities for educational contexts, from music education to religious studies and comparative literature (Mukhopadhyay, 2022). Effective pedagogical approaches to this composition require integrating musical analysis, textual interpretation, philosophical context, and cultural understanding to illuminate its multidimensional significance.

Digital resources like Geetabitan provide valuable tools for students and scholars, offering access to notation, historical background, and translations that

facilitate deeper engagement with Tagore's work (Geetabitan, 2023). These resources can support pedagogical approaches that honor both the artistic complexity and spiritual depth of compositions like "Ami Tomar Premer Hobo Sobar Kolonkho Bhagi."

9.2 Interdisciplinary Approaches

The interdisciplinary nature of Tagore's composition; integrating music, poetry, philosophy, and spiritual practice, suggests the value of educational approaches that transcend conventional disciplinary boundaries (Dasgupta, 2021). By engaging with the composition through multiple lenses, students can develop a more comprehensive understanding of how artistic expression embodies philosophical and spiritual principles across cultural contexts.

Performance-based pedagogical approaches offer particularly valuable opportunities for engaging with the spiritual dimensions of Tagore's work, allowing students to experience the embodied dimensions of devotional expression through vocal or instrumental interpretation (Bandyopadhyay, 2022). This experiential dimension complements intellectual analysis, creating a more holistic educational engagement with the composition's spiritual and philosophical content.

X. CONCLUSION

"Ami Tomar Premer Hobo Sobar Kolonkho Bhagi" stands as a profound expression of devotional surrender that illuminates a universal spiritual principle: authentic devotion often requires bearing societal judgment and misunderstanding. Through its poetic imagery, musical structure, and philosophical depth, the song reveals the transformative power of surrender that transcends conventional religious boundaries.

In analyzing this composition within the context of Hindu devotional traditions, particularly Bhakti practices, we discover how Tagore captured a timeless truth about the spiritual journey that resonates across cultural and religious boundaries. The devotee who becomes "kolonkho bhagi": bearing the stigma associated with unconventional spiritual pursuit which participates in a tradition of radical surrender that has characterized authentic spiritual seeking throughout human history.

This willingness to bear social disapproval for the sake of divine love reveals a profound liberation that transcends both religious convention and social identity. Tagore's composition thus stands as both a devotional expression and a philosophical statement about the nature of true spiritual pursuit. By embracing the identity of "kolonkho bhagi," the devotee enters a transformative relationship with the divine that transcends social judgment and reveals the essential nature of authentic spiritual practice across religious traditions.

The continued relevance of Tagore's message in contemporary spiritual discourse demonstrates its enduring significance as both artistic expression and

spiritual wisdom. As seekers continue to navigate the complex relationship between social belonging and authentic spiritual experience, "Ami Tomar Premer Hobo Sobar Kolonkho Bhagi" offers both validation and inspiration for those willing to bear social misunderstanding in pursuit of deeper spiritual truth.

In the final analysis, Tagore's composition reminds us that the path of spiritual authenticity often leads beyond conventional boundaries, inviting us to embrace a devotional relationship that transcends both social approval and conventional religious understanding. This message, articulated through the perfect synthesis of poetic imagery, musical structure, and philosophical insight, continues to illuminate the spiritual journey for seekers across cultural and historical boundaries.

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