

Attitude of Gratitude

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John: Dear Ramji, I wanted to thank you for your teachings. Since first coming into their presence at Tiruvannamalai in 2010 they have been solid and sure. My gratitude overflows the bind of prose; in answer to your lament, I do humbly offer:

Devotee's Foment

I has spoken a lifetime listening for you smitten fantasies marred jealous freewheeled winged anger most zealous crawled in moldy fits pettiness to hear you listening to me hearing you I carried insecure and needy in a peevey heavy heart tread waters bruised and bloody swallowing mediocrity besmirched with hypocrisy scripted comedy cum tragedy entertaining a study of not too fumbled over frauds, fakes and freaks humbled over having seen through you feign euphoria and pain Spring dance blooms a fool's gold jig heated passions swallow up Summer's vain perchance a Fall into sublime tame quietude crystalize clear Winter divine drunk on prickly pear wine in the land of lotuses remembering your name forgetting yesterday and the morrow extinguishing shame bend spoons and traverse the mind of a ravenous dog stoicly quaff mine frozen fog clears the throat for this taut word this sound sravanam this tumbler jumbler juggler of bedlam weaver deceiver disbeliever of time speaking in tongues, silver sabled beard twisting Sanskrit into foxy Mother Goose rhyme coyote trickster half man half fishier this gusto exuding gush bravado profusing hush whisper's expanse of slippery fluid phantoms glisten upon intellect's ocean of motionless glass: a teacher, a preacher in soo many words of love's silence love's labor found, John