

# Two Earth Day Chants for 2016 by Leslie Freyberg

11:00 am in the Gazebo

## 1. Gayatri Mantra

Gayatri Mantra (literally, the mantra of "song"), is a popular hymn in the Indian tradition.

It honors the sun in its feminine form.

The mantra is a request to the Sun to dispel the darkness of ignorance and provide clarity and strength.

Gayatri:

*Song, that which is sung*

Mantra:

*That which protects the mind, or which protects us from the mind*

## 2. Peace Invocation

This short chant is a request for peace. It translates something like this:

*Om.*

*May there be peace in heaven*

*May there be peace in the sky*

*May there be peace on earth*

*May there be peace in the water, the plants, and the forests*

*May there be peace in the divine presence*

*May there be peace in the Eternal*

*May there be peace in all*

*May that peace, real peace, be mine and may it be in me.*

The word "shantih" means peace, or absence of provocation.