

## 'By your side...'

A selection of poetry, prose and prayers

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**Hindus may receive comfort from hymns and readings from the Hindu Holy Book.**

The 2nd, 8th and 15th chapters of the Bhagavad Gita contain passages which are relevant to a patient who is dying.

The following passage which represent the words of the Lord Krishna, the Supreme Personality of the Godhead is characteristic.

Those who are wise lament neither for the living nor for the dead.

As there never was a time when 'I' did not exist, nor you, nor all these people; nor in the future shall any of us cease to be.

As the embodied soul continuously passes, in this body, from boyhood to youth to old age, the soul similarly passes into another body at death.

As a person puts on new garments, giving up old ones, the soul similarly accepts new material bodies, giving up the old ones.

This soul is unbreakable and insoluble, and can be neither burned nor dried. He is everlasting, present everywhere, unchangeable, immovable and eternally the same. You have aright to perform your duty, but you are not entitled to the fruits of action. Never consider yourself the cause of the results of your activities, and never be attached to not doing your duty.

(Chapter 2 Verses 11-13-22,47)