

OUR BELOVED SHANTIDADA

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As your gurudev Yogiji Maharaj breathed purpose into you,
Divine Kakashri had said, તમે શાંતિની ગોળી વહેંચશો¹ !
Since then, you have followed gurudev's vision through
Sowing seeds of peace wherever you go.

The day you breathed purpose into me,
You said, તમે બાળકો જોડે બહુ મોટું કામ કરશો² !
Since then, I've poured myself into youth passionately,
And through me, your love overflows.

You were young when your guru bestowed wisdom -
The importance of thoughts sweet and pure.
You transformed this earth into God's kingdom,
Using positivity as criticism's cure.

I was young when you shared your wisdom and advice -
Emphasizing the value of words that are kind.
Along with the crowd I spiraled counterclockwise.
You turned my path around, negativity left behind.

Your tender heart rejects seeing any flaws.
When there are blemishes, you focus on the beauty.
When witnessing anger, your soul says 'pause.'
When there is division, you seek only unity.

The guru parampara is a lineage, we know -
A lineage of love each guru shows.
Your guru taught you, and you taught us so.
Through you, Shantidada, is the purest love we know.

¹ Tame shanti ni goli vehenchsho: You will distribute the medicine of peace.

² Tame baalako jode bahu motu kaam karsho : You will do elevated work with children.

