A TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT ANWAR EL SADAT



In a moving tribute to President Mohamed Anwar El Sadat, Egypt's great leader and humanity's missionary of peace, spiritual Master Sri Chinmoy held a special memorial service at the United Nations on 6 October 1981.

Delegates and staff filled the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium as President Sadat's many friends and admirers offered their hearts' final salutations to the man who was earth's shining hope and Heaven's choicest son. Guest speakers included Mr. Mohamed Talaat S. Khalil, representing the Egyptian Mission; Mr. Robert Muller, Secretary of the U.N. Economic and Social Council; and Mr. Donald Keys, President of Planetary Citizens. After a silent meditation on a photograph of President Sadat, Sri Chinmoy opened the ceremony with the following prayer: "May we all most soulfully pray for the mortal body and the immortal soul of President Sadat. He is at once Divinity's choicest instrument and humanity's brightest hope in the political firmament of today's world. His earthly frame, the cage, may no longer remain with us. But his heavenly soul, the bird, will remain with us here until it inundates the length and breadth of the world with peace, peace, peace."





Sri Chinmoy dedicated this song to Anwar El Sadat on 10 October 1981, the day of the President's funeral.



O HEART'S ONENESS-CRY!

Sadat, Sadat, Sadat, Sadat, Sadat!

- O heart's oneness-cry, O life's fulness-hat,
- O good lover of God, O swift lifter of man! Bravely you fought,

Lovingly you caught,

Amazingly the Dream of world-peace you ran.

"Nobody has cared for world peace as the Egyptian leader whom we have lost. To him world peace was not a matter of mere lip service, but rather a spontaneous and sleepless psychic reality."

-Sri Chinmoy

Sri Chinmoy wrote the following song during a visit to Egypt in May 1980.



Egypt, Egypt, Egypt, Egypt! A cradle of consciousness-lift. Egypt, Egypt, Egypt, Egypt! Your death-defying pyramids, Our Lord Supreme's Satisfaction-Deeds. Egypt, Egypt, Egypt, Egypt! Your soulful Nile, your fruitful Cairo Together are smashing darkness-harrow.

These two songs were recorded by the choir of the meditation group at the United Nations in New York, and the recording was sent to Mrs. Sadat in Egypt.

