A New Song in India/ Mukti Dilaye

After almost 30 hours of traveling, we had finally arrived in Mumbai (Bombay). This was my first trip to India and I was trying to imagine how these people would respond to my songs. The culture was so different from mine. As we waited in line to step down the stairs of our plane, I saw my first Indian sunrise framed in palm trees. God spoke to me, as He had many times before, saying, "My mercies are new this morning and My strength will always sustain you." Then I stepped out of the plane and felt a blast of intense humidity that carried the scent of poverty from the shanties bordering the runway. The reality began to hit me..."I am in India as an ambassador for Christ'." Many Christians had already paved the way, but there were still many people, especially from the younger generation, who needed to hear about the love of Jesus. The next few weeks were full of encounters with beggars, fellow Christians, rickshaw rides, new spicy foods and smells, and ...Oh, the music!! One Christian praise song in Hindi stood out to me, both in its sound and message: "Mukti Dilaye." In a country that worships thousands of gods, it was so beautiful to see and hear the people sing "Peace comes to you in Jesus' name; Salvation in no other name!" There truly is a new song rising in India.

ENGLISH VERSE

There's a new song rising in India A song of songs, to the God of gods There's a spirit calling in India to the rich and poor there's peace in Jesus' name.

HINDI CHORUS

Mukti Dilaye Yesu naam Shanti dilay Yesu naam Mukti Dilaye Yesu naam Shanti dilay Yesu naam (Peace comes to you in Jesus' name, Salvation in no other name.)

ENGLISH VERSE

There's a new song rising in India A song of praise to the God most high Salvation has come to you in Jesus' Name Oh let the song of God arise.

HINDI CHORUS

Yesu daya ka behta sagar Yesu daya ka behta sagar Yesu hai data mahan Yesu hai data mahan (Jesus is the Ocean of Grace: You are majestic, Lord.)

ENGLISH CHORUS

Peace comes to you in Jesus' name Salvation in no other name Peace comes to you in Jesus' name Salvation in no other name

ENGLISH BRIDGE

Come to the waters blessed living water
Come to the river of life
Tesus will save you heal you and forgive you
Come let the song arise

(The song's Verses and Bridge sung in English were composed by Karen Lafferty. The remainder of the song has been a popular song of Indian Christians for some years. This recording is from Karen's CD titled "Multitudes: The Sound of Many Nations" (2003). The notes above the song lyrics come from her CD liner notes. See material on this enhanced CD under "Musicians for Missions International" for more information.)