

**Listen to the exhortation of the dawn!**

**Look to this day !**

**For it is life, the very life of life.**

**In its brief course lie all the verities and realities of your existence;**

**The glory of action, the bliss of growth, the splendor of beauty.**

**For yesterday is but a dream,**

**And tomorrow is only a vision;**

**But today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope.**

Questions of Authorship

Al Wheeler identified that this poem has been long associated with the early writings from the ancient city of Moenjodaro. On the web some sites have attributed it to Kalidasa who is known as the Shakespear of India. Unfortunately but this makes not much sense as Kalidasa wrote much later, nearer to the classical Sanskrit period . Kalidasa was thought to have lived sometime between 100 and 500 AD. Furthermore the older poem is stylistically different from what Kalidasa wrote. The authorship of this poem remains unknown. The content remains inspirational.