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ਕਾਟੀ ਬੇੜੀ ਪਗਹ ਤੇ, ਗੁਰੁ ਕੀਨੀ ਬੰਦ ਖਲਾਸ.

The egg of superstition hath burst; the  
mind is illumined:

The Guru hath cut the fetters off the feet  
and freed the captive.

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