

## Pauri 3

### Overview

The third *pauri* is accompanied by two *saloks*. The first *salok* is comprised of sixteen lines and the second is comprised of nine lines. In the first *salok*, through the repetition of the word '*vismād*,' a special kind of tonal beauty is produced in describing the unmatched beauty and innumerable wonders of IkOankar's creation. In the second *salok*, all of creation and its many facets are described as being a part of IkOankar's creation. IkOankar is pervading through all of creation. Thus, the beauty of '*balihārī kudratī vasiā*' (I adore! The Creator is pervading the creation!) is seen in this *salok*. The *pauri* portrays the misery of a materialistic and ignorant person who has wasted his/her priceless human life in vain.

### salok m: 1.

vismādu nād vismādu ved. vismādu jīa vismādu bhed.  
vismādu rūp vismādu raṅg. vismādu nāge phirahi jant.  
vismādu paūṅu vismādu pāṅī. vismādu agnī kheḍahi viḍāṅī.  
vismādu dhartī vismādu khāṅī. vismādu sādi lagahi parāṅī.  
vismādu sanjogu vismādu vijogu. vismādu bhukh vismādu bhogu.  
vismādu siphati vismādu sālāh. vismādu ujhar vismādu rāh.  
vismādu neṛai vismādu dūri. vismādu dekhai hājarā hajūri.  
vekhi viḍāṅu rahiā vismādu. nānak bujhaṅu pūrai bhāgi.1.

### Literal Translation

*Amazement (at the) sounds; amazement (at the) knowledges. Amazement (at the) creatures; amazement (at the) types.*

*Amazement (at the) forms; amazement (at the) colors. Amazement (at the) creatures (who) wander naked.*

*Amazement (at the) air; amazement (at the) water. Amazement (at the) wonderful (roles) fires play.*

*Amazement (at the) earth; amazement (at the) sources of life. Amazement (at the) living beings (who) indulge in taste.*

*Amazement (at the) union; amazement (at the) separation. Amazement (at the) hunger; amazement (at the) consumption.*

*Amazement (at the) praise; amazement (at the) glory. Amazement (at people) in wilderness; amazement (at people) on the paths.*

*Amazement (that IkOankar seems) near (to one); amazement (that IkOankar seems) far to (another); amazement (that one) sees (IkOankar) as present (and) evident.*

*Amazement (that IkOankar) is watching the miraculous play (of Own-Self). Nanak! Realization (of this amazement) comes through complete fortune.*

### Interpretive Transcreation

Awe-inspiring<sup>1</sup> that in this wonderful creation there are innumerable sounds and knowledge-streams; awe-inspiring that there are innumerable creatures and their species.<sup>2</sup>

Awe-inspiring that in this wonderful creation there are innumerable forms of living beings and their colors; awe-inspiring are the innumerable creatures wandering in their natural forms.

Awe-inspiring that in this wonderful creation there are innumerable natural elements, like air and water; awe-inspiring are the wonderful roles that fires play.

Awe-inspiring that in this wonderful creation is the earth and the innumerable sources of life on it; awe-inspiring are the living beings indulging in the taste of the tongue.

Awe-inspiring that in this wonderful creation the union of living beings is occurring in some places, and at other places, separation; awe-inspiring that living beings are suffering from hunger in some places, and at other places, they are indulging in consumption.

Awe-inspiring that in this wonderful creation somewhere IkOankar is being worshipped, and at other places being prayed to; awe-inspiring is some beings going astray (in wilderness), while others follow the path.<sup>3</sup>

Awe-inspiring that in this wonderful creation IkOankar seems near to one, and far away to another; awe-inspiring that one realizes IkOankar as evident and present, in every place and at all times.

Awe-inspiring that in this wonderful creation IkOankar is watching the miraculous play created by the Self.<sup>4</sup> Nanak! This awe-inspiring feeling is realized through the grace of Guru-Wisdom (complete fortune).

### Word Meaning

*vismādu*<sup>5</sup> = amazement, wonder; awe-inspiring, wonderful.

<sup>1</sup> Although in the *salok* the word ‘*vismād*’ (awe-inspiring) has been repeated with every word separately like ‘*nād* (sound), *ved* (knowledge), *jīa* (creature), *bhed* (type)’, in the meaning it has been written only twice per line for simplification and clarity of meaning.

<sup>2</sup> *tū acaraju kudarati terī bismā. 1. rahāu.* –Guru Granth Sahib 563

<sup>3</sup> *bhāṇai ujhar bhāṇai rāhā. bhāṇai hari guṇ gurmukhi gāvāhā.* –Guru Granth Sahib 98

<sup>4</sup> Meaning derived by changing the sentence structure. Please see: *nānak suṇi vekhi rahiā vismādu merā prabhu raviā srab thāi. 21.5.14.* –Guru Granth Sahib

<sup>5</sup> Such a wonderful and blissful feeling of the mind that arises from seeing, hearing or reflecting on something special, unique or extraordinary. In the modern Panjabi, word ‘*vismād*’ is interpreted as a noun (awe-inspiring/wonder) and adjective

*noun, nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Apabhransh – *vismād/bismād*; Prakrit – *vihmah*; Sanskrit – *vismaya* (विस्मय - wonder, astonishment).<sup>6</sup>

*nād* = tunes, sounds.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, plural.*

Apabhransh/Prakrit – *nād*; Sanskrit – *nādah* (नादः - loud roar, tune).

*ved* = knowledges; knowledge-streams.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, plural.*

Apabhransh/Prakrit – *ved*; Sanskrit – *ved* (वेद - knowledge, spiritual knowledge).<sup>7</sup>

*jā* = living beings, creatures.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, plural.*

Apabhransh/Prakrit – *jā*; Sanskrit – *jīv* (जीव - living).

*bhed* = types, kinds.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, plural.*

Apabhransh/Prakrit – *bhed*; Sanskrit – *bhedah* (भेदः - to break; kinds, types).

*rūp* = forms, shapes.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, plural.*

Apabhransh/Prakrit – *rūp*; Pali – *rūp* (form, shape); Sanskrit – *rūp* (रूप - form, shape; beauty).

*raṅg* = colors.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, plural.*

Lahndi – *raṅg* (day; color); Kashmiri – *raṅg* (color); Prakrit – *raṅg* (red color); Pali – *raṅg*; Sanskrit – *raṅgah* (रङ्ग - day; color).

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(inspiring/inducing wonder). But, here in the context of the current *salok* word '*vismād*' has been interpreted as a noun. The reason behind word '*vismād*' being *aurṅkaṛ*-ending (short vowel, 'u') is not clear yet, but clearly it is not an adjective of words like '*nād* (sound), *ved* (knowledge), *jā* (creature),' etc. Because, if that were the case (word '*vismād*' being an adjective), then its form would have changed to agree with the gender and tense of the respective nouns.

<sup>6</sup> Word '*vismād*' (awe-inspiring) is abundantly available in the old Hindi and Medieval literature. More research is needed on its etymology.

<sup>7</sup> In Guru Granth Sahib, it is employed to mean '*giān*' (wisdom) as well as to refer to 'four vedas' of the Sanatan tradition.

*nāge* = nude, naked; in their natural forms.

*adjective (of jant), nominative case; masculine, plural.*

Braj/Apabhransh – *nāgā*; Prakrit – *ṇagga*; Sanskrit – *nagan* (नग्न - without clothes).

*phirahi* = (they) wander.

*verb, present tense; third person, masculine, plural.*

Old Panjabi/Apabhransh – *phirahi*; Prakrit – *phirant* (they wander); Sanskrit – *phiranti/sphiranti* (फिरन्ति/स्फिरन्ति - move, wander).

*jant* = creatures, living beings.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, plural.*

Old Panjabi/Apabhransh/Prakrit – *jant*; Sanskrit – *jantū* (जन्तु - animal).

*paūṇu* = air.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Old Panjabi – *paūṇu*; Apabhransh – *paūṇ/ paūn*; Prakrit – *pavaṇ/payaṇ*; Sanskrit – *pavan* (पवन् - air).

*pāṇī* = water.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Old Panjabi/Lahndi/Sindhi/Apabhransh – *pāṇī*; Prakrit – *pāṇīa*; Sanskrit – *pānīya* (पानीय - water).

*agnī* = fires.<sup>8</sup>

*noun, nominative case; feminine, plural.*

Old Panjabi – *agni*; Sanskrit – *agnih* (अग्निः - fire).

*kheḍahi* = (they) play; (they) play (roles).

*verb, present tense; third person, feminine, plural.*

Old Panjabi – *kheḍaṇā*; Lahndi – *kheḍaṇ*; Sindhi – *kheḍaṇu* (to play); Apabhransh/Prakrit – *kheḍaḍā*; Sanskrit – *kriḍati* (क्रिडति - plays).

*viḍāṇī*<sup>9</sup> = wonderful.

*adjective (of kheḍ), accusative case; feminine, plural.*

<sup>8</sup> Since '*kheḍahi*' (they play) is plural, the word '*agnī*' (fires) is also plural.

<sup>9</sup> Word '*viḍāṇ*' (miraculous play) has changed to '*viḍāṇī*' (wonderful) because it appears as an adjective of the '*agnī*' (fires). It has been used with a sense of miracle, wonder, etc. for supplementing the meaning.

Old Panjabi – *viḍāṇī/viḍāṇ*; Apabhransh – *viḍāṇī*; Prakrit – *viḍāṇ* (miracle/wonder); Sanskrit – *viḍāmban* (विडंबन् - imitation, deception).

*dhartī* = earth.

*noun, nominative case; feminine, singular.*

Maithili/Braj/Sindhi/Apabhransh – *dhartī*; Sanskrit – *dharitrī* (धरित्री - one who assumes, earth).

*khāṇī* = sources of life.

*noun, nominative case; feminine, plural.*

Braj/Avadhi/Bhojpuri/Apabhransh – *khāṇī*; Prakrit – *khāṇi/khāṇī*; Sanskrit – *khani* (खानि - mine<sup>10</sup>).

*sādi* = in the taste.

*noun, locative case; masculine, singular.*

Old Panjabi/Apabhransh – *sād*; Prakrit – *sāy*; Sanskrit – *svād* (स्वाद<sup>11</sup> - tasty).

*lagahi* = (they) indulge, (they) remain indulged in.

*verb, present tense; third person, masculine, plural.*

Old Panjabi – *lagahi*; Apabhransh – *laggahi*; Prakrit – *lagganti* (they touch); Sanskrit – *lagyanti* (लगयन्ति - they adhere to/stick to/attach to).

*parāṇī* = creatures, living beings.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, plural.*

Old Panjabi/Apabhransh – *parāṇī*; Sanskrit – *prāṇī* (प्राणी - living being).

*sanjogu* = union.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Old Panjabi/Apabhransh – *sañjog*; Sanskrit – *saṁyog* (संयोग - union).

<sup>10</sup> Place from which metals are extracted by digging. Here also, by supplementing the meaning, it became popular as the 'sources of life:' *aṇḍaj* (egg), *jeraj* (womb), *setaj* (sweat) and *utbhuj* (land).

<sup>11</sup> Usually in Sanskrit, to make a consonant vowel-less (articulation half: ka → k, pa → p), a sign (halant) is appended to that letter. To retain their original forms as in Sanskrit, the halant sign (्) has been used in the Gurmukhi transcription of those words in line with the Gurmukhi dictionaries and grammar books. For example: 'जलम्' (जलम् - *jalam*). Similarly, the halant sign has also been used in Gurmukhi to denote half letters in Sanskrit: 'जन्म' (जन्म - *janma*).

*vijogu* = separation.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Old Panjabi/Apabhransh – *vijog*; Sanskrit – *viyog* (वियोग् - separation).

*bhukh* = hunger.

*noun, nominative case; feminine, singular.*

Old Panjabi – *bhukh*; Apabhransh – *bhukkh*; Prakrit – *bhukakh*; Sanskrit – *bubhukshā* (बुभुक्षा - desire of eating).

*bhogu* = consumption; pleasure of the senses.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Old Panjabi/Braj/Apabhransh – *bhog*; Sanskrit – *bhogah* (भोगः - food, eating/consumption).

*siphati* = admiration, praise, glory.

*noun, nominative case; feminine, singular.*

Old Panjabi – *siphati*; Arabic – *sifat* (praise, admiration).

*sālāh* = admiration, praise.

*noun, nominative case; feminine, singular.*

Apabhransh – *sālāhah*; Prakrit – *salāhā* (praise); Sanskrit – *shalāghā* (शलाघा - boasting, praise).

*ujhar* = in wilderness, on the wrong paths; going astray, being lost.

*noun, locative case; masculine, plural.*

Old Panjabi – *ujar/ujhar*; Sindhi – *ujaru*; Prakrit – *ujjaḍ* (laid waste, desolate); Sanskrit – *ujjaḍ* (उज्जट - uprooted, laid waste).

*rāh* = on the paths; on the right paths.

*noun, locative case; masculine, plural.*

Farsi – *rah* (path/way).

*nerai* = near, close.

*adverb.*

Old Panjabi – *nerai*; Lahndi – *nerē*; Braj – *nerē*; Apabhransh – *niḍ*; Prakrit – *ṇiḍ*; Sanskrit – *nikaṭam* (निकटम् - near, close).

*dūri* = far.

*adverb.*

Old Panjabi/Sindhi/Apabhransh – *dūri*; Prakrit – *dūr*; Sanskrit – *dūr* (दूर - far).

*dekhai* = sees; feels, realizes.

*verb, present tense; third person, singular.*

Old Panjabi – *dekhai*; Apabhransh – *dekhāi*; Prakrit – *dekakhiya*; Sanskrit – *drikshati/dekshati* (दृक्षति/देक्षति - sees).

*hājarā* = present, evident, in front.

*adverb.*

Old Panjabi – *hājarā/hādarā*; Arabic – *hāzir* (present, existent, evident, in front).

*hajūri* = evident, in front.

*adverb.*

Arabic – *huzūr* (present).

*vekhi rahiā* = is watching.

*compound verb, present tense; third person, masculine, singular.*

Lahndi – *vekhaṇ* (to see); Prakrit – *vehaī*; Sanskrit – *vikshate* (विक्षते - sees) + Old Panjabi – *rahiā*; Apabhransh – *rahaa*; Prakrit – *rahaī*; Sanskrit – *rahati/rahayati* (रहति/रहयति - does/is).

*viḍāṇu* = miraculous play; wonderful play.

*noun, accusative case; masculine, singular.*

Old Panjabi – *viḍāṇī/viḍāṇ*; Apabhransh – *viḍāṇī*; Prakrit – *viḍāṇ* (miracle, play); Sanskrit – *viḍamban* (विडम्बन् - imitation, deception).

*vismādu* = amazement, wonder; awe-inspiring, wonderful.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Apabhransh – *vismād/bismād*; Prakrit – *vihamah*; Sanskrit – *vismaya* (विस्मय - wondrous, feeling of surprise/astonishment).

*nānak* = Nanak!

*noun, vocative case; masculine, singular.*

*bujhaṇu* = understanding, knowledge; realization.

*abstract participle (noun), accusative case; masculine, singular.*

Sindhi – *bujhaṇu* (to understand; be heard or known); Apabhransh – *bujjhaī*; Prakrit – *bujjhaī*; Pali – *bujjhati*; Sanskrit – *budhyate* (बुध्यते - knows, understands).

*pūrai* = complete.

*adjective (of bhāgi), instrumental case; masculine, singular.*

Old Panjabi/Lahndi – *pūrā* (full); Kashmiri – *pūr* (full, complete); Prakrit – *pūr* (flood); Pali – *pūr* (full); Sanskrit – *pūr* (पूर - filling; flood).<sup>12</sup>

*bhāgi* = through fortune; through the grace of Guru-Wisdom.

*noun, instrumental case; masculine, singular.*

Old Panjabi/Lahndi/Apabhransh/Prakrit – *bhāg*; Sanskrit – *bhāgah* (भाग: - fortune/destiny/luck).

.1. = First *salok* is complete.

### Poetical Dimension

Out of the nine elements of Indian aesthetic theory, the element of wonder or amazement<sup>13</sup> draws in the reader's or spectator's attention. Its primary effect is amazement (*vismad*). It is an internal state which is evoked from an awe-inspiring visual image, occurrence, or thought, where one experiences spiritual-ecstasy through a stable state of mind.

The Guru has created a special kind of aural beauty, through the repetition of the word '*vismād*' (awe-inspiring) here. In this *salok* of sixteen lines, this word appears twenty-five times. Barring the fourth, sixth, eighth, fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth lines, the word '*vismād*' appears in the beginning as well as in the middle of each line. This serves as an example of a lexical parallelism in the beginning and in the middle.

The word '*vismād*' appears only in the beginning of the fourth, sixth, eighth, and fourteenth lines; this is lexical parallelism in the beginning. In the fifteenth line, it appears in the end, which is lexical parallelism in the end. In this way, the repetition of the word '*vismād*' is used to depict the innumerable wonders of nature created by IkOankar.

Pairings of words like '*nād-ved*' (sounds-knowledges) in line one, '*ja-bhed*' (creatures-types) in line two, '*rup-rang*' (forms-colors) in line three, and '*siphati-*

<sup>12</sup> The origin of the word '*pūrā*' could also possibly be from Farsi '*pur*' (complete, full).

<sup>13</sup> As per the Indian poetic theory, nine aesthetic elements (*ras*) have been recognized. One of these is the aesthetic element of wonder (*adbhut ras*), which evokes a feeling of astonishment as an outcome of wonder-stricken occurrences.

*salah* (praise-glory) in line eleven used in the *salok* complement each other in their meanings. This is isomorphic semantic parallelism.

Similarly, the pairings of '*sanjogu-vijogu*' (union-separation) in line nine, '*bhukh-bhogu*' (hunger-consumption) in line ten, '*ujhar-rāh*' (going astray-being on the path) in line twelve and '*nerai-dūri*' (near-far) in line thirteen contain juxtaposition in their meanings. This is antagonistic semantic parallelism. Both the contrasting and complementary pairs of words highlight the fact that there is nothing in the entire creation that is bereft of Wonder.

From the fifth to eighth line, words '*paūṇu*' (air), '*pāṇī*' (water), '*agnī*' (fires), '*dhartī*' (earth), '*khāṇī*' (sources of life), and '*parāṇī*' (living beings) have been used — these are all of the fundamental elements of creation. The First Sovereign is conveying that creation and all of its elements are awe-inspiring.

Out of the first fourteen lines, the structure of the fourth, sixth, eighth and fourteenth lines is similar. Likewise, the structural outline of the rest of the ten lines is also similar. This is morphological parallelism. By using it this way, it has been conveyed that the wondrous play of creation is eternal and continuous.

This *salok* falls under the category of a four line verse with 16 (8+8) characters each (*paddharī chand*).

m: 1.

**kudrati disai kudrati suṇīai kudrati bhaū sukh sāru.  
 kudrati pātālī ākāsī kudrati sarab ākāru.  
 kudrati ved purāṇ katebā kudrati sarab vīcāru.  
 kudrati khāṇā pīṇā paiṇaṇu kudrati sarab piāru.  
 kudrati jāṭī jinsī raṅgī kudrati jīa jahān.  
 kudrati nekīā kudrati badīā kudrati manu abhimānu.  
 kudrati paūṇu pāṇī baisantaru kudrati dhartī khāku.  
 sabh terī kudrati tūm kudīru kartā pākī nāī pāku.  
 nānak hukmai andari vekhai vartai tāko tāku.2.**

### Literal Translation

*(Your) creation (is whatever) is visible, (Your) creation (is whatever) is heard; (Your) creation is (Your) reverence, (which) is the essence of happiness.*

*(Your) creation is in the netherworlds and the skies; (Your) creation is the entire tangible world.*

*(Your) creation is Vedas, Puranas (Indic) and Semitic texts; (Your) creation is all thought.*

*(Your) creation is eating, drinking, wearing; (Your) creation is all love-affection.*

*(Your) creation is in castes, categories and colors; (Your) creation is (all) living beings of the world.*

*(Your) creation is virtues, (Your) creation is vices; (Your) creation is honor, (Your creation is) dishonor.*

*(Your) creation is air, water, fire; (Your) creation is earth's soil.*

*All is Your creation, You are the Owner (and) the Creator; sacred is (Your) glory, sacred are (You).*

*Nanak! (The Creator) watches (the creation) in accordance with (Own) will, (and) the One (Creator) alone pervades (all creation).*

### **Interpretive Transcreation**

Your creation includes whatever is visible and heard in this world. Your creation also includes Your reverence,<sup>14</sup> the source of happiness.<sup>15</sup>

Your creation includes the netherworlds and the skies. Your creation includes the entire tangible world.<sup>16</sup>

Your creation includes the religious texts of various traditions (Indic and Semitic).

Your creation includes all thought-wisdom.

Your creation includes all aspects of living beings' eating, drinking, and wearing.

Your creation includes all love and affection.

Your creation includes all classes, categories, and diversities (colors). Your creation includes all the living beings of the world.

Your creation includes all virtues and vices. Your creation includes opposites like honor and dishonor.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>14</sup> In this context, the literal meaning of the word 'ਭਉ' is fear of the Creator, suggesting reverence for the Creator. The context of reverence for the Creator (ਭਉ) has been elaborated in the *saloks*, of the next *pauri* of Asa Ki Var. Reverence includes feelings of respect, admiration, awe, appreciation, and that which is not a common understanding of fear or being afraid.

<sup>15</sup> *brahamu dīśai brahamu suṇītai eku eku vakhāṇītai.* –Guru Granth Sahib 846

<sup>16</sup> *suṇītai eku vakhāṇītai suragi mirati paiāli.* –Guru Granth Sahib 1091

<sup>17</sup> The Sanskrit 'api' (अपि – also/too) changes into 'avi' in Pali and into 'avi, vi, bi/bī, bhi/bhī,' etc. in the subsequent languages. In 'rāmāṇī' and Pali, the word 'avmān' is also available, which is another form of 'apmān.' Likewise, if one meaning of 'abhimān' is 'the intent to hurt' which holds the connotation of 'insult,' the meaning of 'apmān' in Pali is 'arrogance/pride.' In the same way, it appears that the interchangeability of 'abhimān' and 'apmān' is quite old. Therefore, to interpret 'abhimān' as 'arrogance/pride' here is not appropriate. Just like the antonym word combination

Your creation includes elements like air, water, and fire. Your creation includes the earth's soil.

Your creation includes everything; You are the Owner and the Creator. You and Your glory are the sacred of the sacred.<sup>18</sup>

Nanak! The Creator nurtures (watches) as per the Creator's Will, and the Creator alone operates (pervades) in the creation.

### Word Meaning

*kudrati* = nature; creation, world.

*noun, nominative case; feminine, singular.*

Old Panjabi – *kudrati*; Arabic – *kudrat* (قُدْرَت - power; nature).<sup>19</sup>

*disai* = is visible.

*verb, present tense; third person, masculine, singular.*

Old Panjabi/Braj/Apabhransh – *disai*; Prakrit – *dissai*; Sanskrit – *drishyate* (दृश्यते - is seen/observed).

*suṇīai* = is heard.

*verb, present tense; third person, masculine, singular.*

Lahndi – *suṇaṇ*; Sindhi – *suṇaṇu* (to listen); Prakrit – *suṇii/suṇaṇ*; Pali – *suṇāti*; Sanskrit – *shriṇoti* (शृणोति - hears/listens).

*bhaū* = fear; reverence of IkOankar.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Lahndi/Sindhi/Apabhransh – *bhaū*; Prakrit/Pali – *bhaya*; Sanskrit – *bhaya* (भय - fear).

*sukh* = (of) happiness.

*noun, genitive case; masculine, plural.*

Old Panjabi – *sukh*; Apabhransh/Prakrit – *sukkha* (happiness); Pali – *sukh*; Sanskrit – *sukh* (सुख - pleasant, easy, comfort, happiness).

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'*nekīā-badīā*' (virtues-vices), '*mānu-abhimānu*' (honor-dishonor) also seems to have been used for the juxtaposed connotation '*mān-apmān*' (honor-insult). For example: *mān abhimān mandhe so sevaku nāhī. tat samdarsī santahu koī koī mandhāhī.2.* – Guru Granth Sahib 51

<sup>18</sup> *karte kudrati mustāku. dīn duniā ek tūhī sabh khalak hī te pāku. rahāu.* –Guru Granth Sahib 724

<sup>19</sup> The word '*kudrati*' (creation) has been used as feminine, therefore it appears with a *sihārī*-ending (short vowel, 'i') in Guru Granth Sahib. Feminine nouns coming from Arabic, that end with a '*ta*,' are usually recorded with a *sihārī*-ending (short vowel, 'i') in Gurbānī. For example, *hikmatī, hujatī, siphati, gairatī, muhlatī, karāmātī*, etc.

*sāru* = essence; source.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Kashmiri – *sār*; Apabhraṁsh – *sāru*; Prakrit/Pali – *sār*; Sanskrit – *sār* (सार - eminent, excellent, superior).

*pātālī* = in the netherworlds; in the worlds below the earth.<sup>20</sup>

*noun, locative case; masculine, plural.*

Pali – *pātāl*; Sanskrit – *pātālam* (पातालम् - nether region, regions below the earth).

*ākāsī* = in the skies; in the space.

*noun, locative case; masculine, plural.*

Apabhraṁsh – *ākās*; Sanskrit – *ākāśah* (आकाशः - sky).

*sarab* = all, entire.

*adjective (of ākāru), nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Braj – *sarab*; Apabhraṁsh – *sarab*; Sanskrit – *sarva* (सर्व - all, everyone).

*ākāru* = form; existence, tangible world.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Apabhraṁsh – *ākār*; Sanskrit – *ākār* (आकार - form; world).

*ved* = Vedas, four ancient religious texts of Sanatan tradition.<sup>21</sup>

*noun, nominative case; masculine, plural.*

Apabhraṁsh/Prakrit – *ved*; Sanskrit – *ved* (वेद् - wisdom, spiritual wisdom).<sup>22</sup>

*purāṇ* = Puranas, mythological texts of Sanatan tradition.<sup>23</sup>

*noun, nominative case; masculine, plural.*

Lahndi/Apabhraṁsh/Prakrit/Pali/Sanskrit – *purāṇ* (पुराण - ancient, old).

<sup>20</sup> The reference '*pātālī*' (netherworld) is one of the three worlds (tri/trai-lok or tri-bhavan): heaven (*swarg lok*), earth (*bhū/māt lok*) and the netherworld (*patāl lok*), that are commonly mentioned in ancient Hindu scriptures.

<sup>21</sup> Rigved, Samved, Yajurved and Atharv-ved.

<sup>22</sup> Just as it is employed to mean '*giān*' (wisdom) in the Guru Granth Sahib, it is also used as a reference to 'four vedas.'

<sup>23</sup> *Purāṇ* (puranas) are the collections of myths and legends of Sanatan tradition. There are eighteen major puranas, but the number is much larger if the sub-puranas are taken into account.

*katebā* = semitic texts, religious texts of the semitic tradition.<sup>24</sup>

*noun, nominative case; feminine, plural.*

Gurbāṇī – *kateb*; Arabic – *kiteb/kitāb* (book).<sup>25</sup>

*sarab* = all, entire.

*adjective (of vīcāru), nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Braj – *sarab*; Apabhransh – *sarab*; Sanskrit – *sarva* (सर्व - all, everyone).

*vīcāru* = thought; thought-wisdom.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Apabhransh – *bīcār*; Sanskrit – *vicār* (विचार - thought, discussion).

*khāṇā* = eating.

*abstract participle (noun), nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Bhojpuri – *khānā*; Gujarati – *khāṇu*; Old Marwari/Prakrit – *khāṇ*; Pali/Sanskrit – *khādan* (खादन - eating; food).

*pīṇā* = drinking.

*abstract participle (noun), nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Lahndi – *pīṇā*; Apabhransh – *pīṇā*; Prakrit – *pīṇ*; Sanskrit – *pī/pān* (पी/पान - to drink).

*paiṇaṇu*<sup>26</sup> = wearing.

*abstract participle (noun), nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Old Panjabi – *paiṇanā/paiṇhaṇā* (to wear); Kashmiri – *pahanun* (to wear handsome clothes); Sanskrit – *pinhati* (पिनहति - ties on).<sup>27</sup>

*sarab* = all, entire.

*adjective (of piāru), nominative case; masculine, singular.*

<sup>24</sup> Kuran, Injil, Torah and Zabur.

<sup>25</sup> Word '*kateb*' is a colloquial/folk form of Arabic '*kiteb*.' As per the Arabic lexicon, *kannā*-ending (long vowel, 'ā') of word '*kitāb*' changes into *lām*-ending (short vowel, 'e') of '*kiteb*.' For example, '*jahez*' from '*jahāz*.' '*katebā*' is a plural of '*kateb*.'

<sup>26</sup> By appending '*ṇā/ṇu*' ending to verb roots '*khā*, *pī*, *paiṇ*,' abstract participle '*khāṇā*, *pīṇā*, *paiṇaṇu*' have been made.

<sup>27</sup> G. S. Rayall has shown its etymology as follows: Panjabi – *pahiranā* (to wear clothes); Sindhi – *paharaṇu*; Marathi – *pahiraṇe*; Sanskrit – *paridhā* (परिधा – to place around; to wear clothes). –Panjābī Bhāshā Dā Nirukat Kosh, Punjabi University, Patiala, 2006, page 399

Braj – *sarab*; Apabhransh – *sarab*; Sanskrit – *sarva* (सर्व - all, everyone).

*piāru* = love, affection.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Old Marwari/Bhojpuri/Lahndi/Prakrit – *piār* (love); Prakrit – *piār* (love); Sanskrit – *priyakār* (प्रियकार - doing a kindness).

*jāti*<sup>28</sup> = in the castes; in the classes, in the apartheids.<sup>29</sup>

*noun, locative case; feminine, plural.*

Apabhransh/Pali/Sanskrit – *jāti* (जाति - birth; family/lineage as per the birth, caste).

*jinsī*<sup>30</sup> = in the categories.

*noun, locative case; feminine, plural.*

Gurbāṇī – *jinsi/jinsī*; Arabic – *jinas* (types).

*raṅgī*<sup>31</sup> = in the colors; in the diversities.

*noun, locative case; masculine, plural.*

Kashmiri/Lahndi/Prakrit/Pali – *raṅg*; Sanskrit – *raṅgah* (रङ्गः - color).

*jā* = living beings, creatures.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, plural.*

Apabhransh/Prakrit – *jā*; Sanskrit – *jīva* (जीव - alive).

*jahān* = of the world.

*noun, genitive case; masculine, singular.*

Farsi – *jihān* (world).<sup>32</sup>

*nekīā* = virtues; good deeds.

*noun, nominative case; feminine, plural.*

<sup>28</sup> Here '*jāti*' is a modification of '*jāti*.' This is a common practice in poetic language as '*jāti*' has three meters while '*jāti*' has four meters.

<sup>29</sup> The hereditary social classifications in Hinduism that restrict the occupation of its members and their association with the members of other castes.

<sup>30</sup> In Guru Granth Sahib, the word '*jinsi*,' being feminine, usually ends with a *sihārī* (short vowel, 'i'). Here '*jinsī*' is a modification of '*jinsi*.' This is a common practice in poetic language as '*jinsi*' has three meters while '*jinsī*' has four meters.

<sup>31</sup> Here '*raṅgī*' (color) has been created from '*raṅgī*' (in the colors).

<sup>32</sup> The word '*jahān*' (world) is the colloquial form of Farsi '*jihān*' which has come from Farsi '*jihīdan*' (to jump). As the world is not always stable, it keeps bouncing (changing), so the word '*jihān/jahān*' was commonly used for the world.

Farsi – *nekī* (goodness, virtues).

*badīā* = vices, evils; bad actions.

*noun, nominative case; feminine, plural.*

Farsi – *badī* (evilness, vices).

*mānu* = honor, respect.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Kashmiri – *mān*; Lahndi – *māṅ*; Sindhi – *māṅu*; Prakrit – *māṅ*; Pali/Sanskrit – *mān* (मान - honor, pride).

*abhimānu* = dishonor, insult.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Prakrit – *avmān*; Sanskrit – *apmānah* (अपमानः - insult).

*paūṅu* = air.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Old Panjabi – *paūṅu*; Apabhransh – *paūṅ/ paün*; Prakrit – *pavaṅ/payaṅ*; Sanskrit – *pavan* (पवन् - रट्ट).<sup>33</sup>

*pāṅī* = water.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Old Panjabi/Lahndi/Sindhi/Apabhransh – *pāṅī*; Prakrit – *pāṅīa*; Sanskrit – *pānīya* (पानीय - water).

*baisantaru* = fire.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Marwari/Dingal/Braj – *baisantar*; Apabhransh – *baisandar*; Prakrit – *baisvāṅaro*; Sanskrit – *vaishvānarah* (वैश्वानरः - fire).<sup>34</sup>

*dhartī* = earth.

<sup>33</sup> The letter 'va' of Sanskrit changes into 'u' in Apabhransh. For the same reason, 'paūṅ/paün' is more frequently used in medieval literature than 'pavan.' In Sanskrit 'pavaṅ' is masculine, and remains so even in Guru Granth Sahib and medieval literature. In contrast to Apabhransh form 'paūṅ/paün' and Sanskrit 'pavan,' 'paūṅu/paün' has been used more frequently in Guru Granth Sahib.

<sup>34</sup> Many word forms like 'baisantar, vaisantar, baisantarañ, baisantaro' from Hindi dialects are available in Guru Granth Sahib. Usually, for masculine singular noun 'baisantaru,' for plural 'baisantar' and for case declensions 'baisantari' has been used.

*noun, genitive case; feminine, singular.*

Maithili/Braj/Sindhi/Apabhransh – *dhartī*; Sanskrit – *dharitrī* (धरित्री - one who assumes, earth).

*khāku* = soil, dust.

*noun, nominative case; feminine, singular.*

Sindhi – *khāku*; Farsi – *khāk* (dust, ash).

*sabh* = all, entire.

*pronominal adjective (of kudrati), nominative case; feminine, singular.*

Old Panjabi – *sabh/sabhe*; Lahndi – *sabho*; Sindhi – *sabhu*; Apabhransh – *sabbha*;

Prakrit – *savva/sabba*; Sanskrit – *sarva* (सर्व - all, every one).

*terī* = Your.

*pronoun, genitive case; second person, masculine, singular.*

Old Panjabi – *terā/terī/tere*; Braj – *terā*; Apabhransh – *teraya*; Prakrit – *tubbam*;

Sanskrit – *tvam* (तुवम् - you).

*tūm* = You.

*pronoun, nominative case; second person, masculine, singular.*

Apabhransh – *tūm*; Prakrit – *tum*; Sanskrit – *tvam* (त्वम् - you, your).

*kādiru* = owner, Owner of the creation; the Almighty.

*adjective (of tūm), nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Arabic – *kādir* (owner of the creation, inherently powerful/owner of creative power).

*kartā* = Doer, Creator.

*adjective (of oankār), nominative case ; masculine, singular.*

Apabhransh – *kartā*; Sanskrit – *kartā* (कर्ता - doer/creator).

*pākī* = sacred.

*adjective (of nāī), nominative case; feminine, singular.*

Farsi – *pākī* (sacredness).

*nāī* = glory, praise.

*noun, nominative case; feminine, singular.*

Arabic/Farsi – *shanāī* (praise, glory).<sup>35</sup>

*pāku* = sacred.

*adjective (of tūm), nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Farsi – *pāk* (sacred).

*nānak* = Nanak!

*noun, vocative case; masculine, singular.*

*hukmaī*<sup>36</sup> = (under) the Command/Order, (in accordance with) the Will.

*noun, locative case; masculine, singular.*

Arabic – *hukam* (order).

*andari* = in, inside; under, in accordance with.

*postposition.*

Old Panjabi – *andari*; Sindhi – *andaru* (the inside), *andari* (inside); *antari* (between);

Prakrit – *antar/antarā* (inside), *andare* (in, within); Pali – *antar* (inside, interval),

*antare* (between, inside); Sanskrit – *antar* (अन्तर - interior, near; Rigved - neighbouring).

*vekhai* = watches; looks after, nurtures.

*verb, present tense; third person, masculine, singular.*

Lahndi – *vekhañ* (to see); Sanskrit – *vīkshate/vīkshati* (वीक्षते/वीक्षयति - sees).

*vartai* = operates/pervades, is operating/pervading.

*verb, present tense; third person, masculine, singular.*

Old Panjabi – *vartaṇā*; Sanskrit – *vratate* (व्रतते - turns around).

*tāko tāku*<sup>37</sup> = one alone, unique.

*adjective (of the Divine), nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Arabic – *tāk* (only one, unparalleled, unique).

<sup>35</sup> Just as the Sanskrit word '*sthan*' (स्थान) changes into colloquial '*asthān*' (अस्थान) and '*thān*' (थान), similarly, the Farsi word '*sanāī*' also changes into '*asnāī*' and '*nāī*.' This folk form has been used in Guru Granth Sahib as well.

<sup>36</sup> *Dulāvāṁ*-ending (long vowel, 'ai') of the word '*hukam*' is poetic in nature, and not grammatical, since there is a presence of postposition '*andari*.'

<sup>37</sup> The word '*tāko*' is a poetic variation of word '*tāku*.' To stress the unity (oneness) of the Creator, repetition has been used. "*dekhe hai sabh ko ek kā ek bhāv keval hī.*" – Pandit Tara Singh Narotam, Guru Girārath Kosh (recompiled), Punjabi University, Patiala, 2010, page 7

.2. = Second *salok* is complete.

### Poetical Dimension

Similar to the previous *salok*, parallelism has been used in this *salok* as well. The word '*kudrati*' (creation) has been repeated sixteen times. The first and sixth lines are structurally similar, as are the second, third, fourth, fifth and seventh, resulting in morphological parallelism.

While, the words used in the first half of the second, third, fourth, fifth and seventh line depict various forms indicating particular phenomena, the words in the second half of these lines point towards the completion of these phenomena:

Line	Words describing different facets of the phenomenon	Words/phrases pointing to the completeness of the phenomenon
Second	<i>pātālī</i> (netherworlds), <i>ākāsī</i> (skies)	<i>sarab ākāru</i> (entire tangible world)
Third	<i>ved</i> (Vedas), <i>purāṇ</i> (Puranas), <i>katebā</i> (Semitic religious texts)	<i>sarab vīcāru</i> (all thought-wisdom)
Fourth	<i>khāṇā</i> (eating), <i>pīṇā</i> (drinking), <i>paināṇu</i> (wearing)	<i>sarab piāru</i> (all love and affection)
Fifth	<i>jātī</i> (classes), <i>jinsī</i> (categories), <i>raṅgī</i> (colors; diversities)	<i>jīa jahānu</i> (living beings of the world)
Seventh	<i>paūṇ</i> (air), <i>pāṇī</i> (water), <i>baisantaru</i> (fire)	<i>dhartī khāku</i> (earth's soil)

Similarly, '*disai-suniaī*' (is visible-is heard) words compliment each other in the first line, whereas '*bhau-sukh*' (fear-happiness) in the same line, and '*nekia-badia*' (virtues-vices) and '*manu-abhimanu*' (honor-dishonor) in the second line contrast each other. Through this creative employment of parallelism and particular words, it is established that every object — every part of it and every sense that it contains — is a part of the creation, created by IkOankar.

The phrases '*sabh teri kugrati,*' (all is Your creation) '*tum kadiru karta,*' (You are the Owner and the Creator) '*hukmai andari*' (in accordance with the Will) and '*tako-tak*' (one alone) used in the eighth and ninth lines highlight the central meaning of the entire *salok*. All of creation and all of its parts are created by IkOankar. IkOankar is pervading the creation. The entire creation is operating under the Command. Thus,

the beautiful phenomenon of *'balihārī kudrati vasiā'* (I adore! The Creator is pervading the creation!) is visible in this *salok*.

**paūrī.**

**āpīṇai bhog bhogi kai hoi bhasmaṛi bhaūru sidhāiā.  
vaḍā hoā dunīdāru gali saṅgalu ghati calāiā.  
agai karṇī kīrati vācīai bahi lekhā kari samjhāiā.  
thāu na hovī paūḍī huṇi suṇīai kiā rūāiā.  
mani andhai janamu gavāiā.3.**

### **Literal Translation**

*(A being) indulging in consumption, (in the end), turned into a mound of ash (when their spirit) flew away like the bumble bee.*

*(When such a) worldly person died,<sup>38</sup> (the messengers of death), having placed the chain around (their) neck, made (them) to depart.*

*Hereafter, the deed worth doing, praising (IkOankar), is counted; having been seated and accounted, (their account) was explained.*

*A place (of refuge) is not found (there) while receiving beating; now, what (use) is listening to (their) wailing?<sup>39</sup>*

*The mentally blind lost (their) life.*

### **Interpretive Transcreation**

While living in this world, a human being exhausted their potential by indulging in the pleasures of the senses, and when their spirit (bumble bee) flew away, they turn into a mound of ash.

When such a worldly person died, their end was dreadful (messengers of death chained their necks and took them away).

Hereafter (ahead),<sup>40</sup> only the remembrance of IkOankar is accepted<sup>41</sup> as ideal behavior; there, indulgent behavior is accounted for and its consequences are explained thoroughly.

Eventually, there is no place to hide from the consequences (beating) and there is no one to help, heeding their wails.

Thus, the ignorant (mentally blind) person wasted their precious life by being engrossed in material things.

<sup>38</sup> Meaning derived by changing the sentence structure.

<sup>39</sup> Meaning derived by changing the sentence structure.

<sup>40</sup> See Pauri 2.

<sup>41</sup> *hari kīrati utamu nāmu hai vici kalijug karṇī sīru.* –Guru Granth Sahib 1314

**Word Meaning**

*āpīṇai* = āp + ī + ṇai, by oneself.

*pronoun, nominative case; third person, masculine, singular.*

Apabhransh – āpi; Prakrit – appan; Sanskrit – ātmani (आत्मन् - self).

*bhog* = consumptions; pleasures of the senses.

*noun, accusative case; masculine, plural.*

Old Panjabi/Braj/Apabhransh – *bhog*; Sanskrit – *bhogah* (भोगः - food, eating drinking/consumption).

*bhogi kai* = having consumed; indulging in.

*perfect participle (adverb).*

*bhogi*: Old Panjabi/Braj/Apabhransh – *bhog*; Sanskrit – *bhogah* (भोगः - food, eating drinking/consumption) + *kai*: Old Panjabi – *kai*; Apabhransh – *kaia*; Prakrit – *karai*; Sanskrit – *karoti* (करोति - does).

*hoi* = became, turned into.

*verb, past tense; third person, masculine, singular.*

Marathi/Apabhransh – *hoi*; Prakrit – *havai/bhavai*; Sanskrit – *bhavati* (भवति - happens/is).

*bhasmaṛi* = *bhasam*+*maṛi*, cemetery of ash; mound of ash.

*noun, accusative case; feminine, singular.*

Apabhransh – *bhasam*+*maṛi*; Prakrit – *bhasam*+*maṛh*; Sanskrit – *bhasman*+*maṛh* (भस्मन्+मठ - ash+monastery, cemetery).

*bhaūru* = bumble bee; spirit/soul.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Braj – *bhaūr*; Sindhi/Apabhransh – *bhaūru*; Lahndi – *bhavar*; Prakrit/Pali – *bharṇvar*; Sanskrit – *bhramar* (भ्रमर् - bumble bee/large black bee).

*sidhāiā* = passed away, departed; flew away.

*verb, past tense; masculine, third person, singular.*

Old Panabi – *sidhārnā*; Braj – *sidhārnā* (to depart); Sindhi – *sidhāraṇu* (to go);

Sanskrit – *siddha* (सिद्ध - driven off).

*vaḍā* = (became) old/complete; died.<sup>42</sup>

*adjective (of dunīdāru), nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Old Panjabi – *vaḍā/vaḍī*; Lahndi – *vaḍḍā*; Sindhi – *vaḍo*; Apabhraṅsh – *vaḍ*; Prakrit – *vaḍḍa*; Sanskrit – *vaḍra/vridha* (वड्/वृद्ध - big, great).

*hoā* = became, became (old).

*verb, past tense; masculine, third person, singular.*

Apabhraṅsh – *hoā/hoi*; Prakrit – *havaī/bhavai*; Sanskrit – *bhavati* (भवति - happens).

*dunīdāru* = worldly person, one engrossed in worldly affairs.

*noun, nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Arabic/Farsi – *dunyā+dār* (world+of/owner).

*gali* = by/around the neck.

*noun, locative case; masculine, singular.*

Avadhi/Lahndi/Prakrit/Pali – *gal*; Sanskrit – *galah* (गलः - neck).

*saṅgalu* = shackle, chain.

*noun, accusative case; masculine, singular.*

Panjabi/Apabhraṅsh – *saṅgal*; Prakrit – *saṅkal*; Pali – *saṅkalā*; Sanskrit – *shraṅkhal* (श्रङ्खल - iron chain, shackle).

*ghati* = having put, having placed.

*perfect participle (adverb).*

Old Marathi – *ghāṭṭanā* (to pour, to throw, to put in or on, to wear); Lahndi – *ghattan* (to pour, to drop, to spread out); Apabhraṅsh/Prakrit – *ghattaī* (pours, throws, sends); Sanskrit – *ghalati* (घलति - pours).

*calāiā* = led to proceed, made to proceed.

*verb, past tense; third person, masculine, singular.*

Lahndi – *callan* (to start, to go/to move); Sindhi – *calaṅu* (to go, to depart; to die); Prakrit – *calai* (moves); Sanskrit – *calyati* (चलयति - goes away).

<sup>42</sup> Here '*vaḍā hoā*' refers to 'growing older and dying.' In contemporary Panjabi, the idiom '*vaḍḍā ho giā*,' is used to refer to someone's death. '*Dīvā bujhaṅā*' is also used in the meaning of '*vaḍā hoṅā*.'

–Swami Anandghan has also defined '*vaḍā hoṅā*' as '*marnā*' (to die - '*vaḍā hoṅā*' is a word for death. As it is said that '*dīvā vaḍḍā huā hai*' –Swami Anandghan, *Āsā Dī Vār Dā Tīkā*, Punjabi University, Patiala, 2009, page 58)

*agai* = ahead, hereafter.

*adverb*.

Lahndi/Sindhi – *age*; Apabhransh – *aggai*; Prakrit/Pali – *agga/agge*; Sanskrit – *agra/aggre* (अग्र/अग्रे - ahead/front).<sup>43</sup>

*karṇī* = (deed) worth doing, worthy (deed).

*adjective (of kīratī), accusative case; feminine, singular.*

Old Panjabi – *karṇī*; Sindhi – *karṇī* (work/act); Prakrit – *karṇā*; Pali – *karṇīya* (duty; business); Sanskrit – *karṇīya* (करणीय - to be done; action).

*kīratī* = admiration, glory, praise.

*noun, accusative case; feminine, singular.*

Apabhransh – *kīratī*; Sanskrit – *kīrti* (कीर्ति - admiration, praise).<sup>44</sup>

*vācīai* = is watched, is counted; is accepted.

*verb, present case; third person, feminine, singular.*

Apabhransh – *vācīai*; Prakrit – *vācay*; Sanskrit – *vācayati* (वाचयति - reads/studies).

*bahi* = having been seated; thoroughly.

*perfect participle (adverb).*

Old Panjabi – *bahiṇā* (to sit); Lahndi – *bahaṇ* (to sit, to perch); Prakrit – *vasaī*; Pali – *vasati* (lives, stays). Sanskrit – *vasati* (वसति - stays, dwells).

*lekhā* = account; account of deeds/actions.

*noun, accusative case; masculine, singular.*

Bhojpuri/Apabhransh – *lekhā*; Prakrit – *lekh*; Sanskrit – *lekkhaya* (लेखय - account worth writing, to write).

*kari* = perfect participle (adverb).

having done; having accounted.

Old Panjabi/Apabhransh – *kari* (having done); Prakrit – *karii*; Sanskrit – *karoti* (करोति - does).

*samjhāiā* = explained.

*verb, past tense; third person, masculine, singular.*

<sup>43</sup> It appears as an adverb in Guru Granth Sahib as ‘*agai*, *āgai*, *āge*,’ etc.

<sup>44</sup> The *sihārī*-ending (short vowel, ‘i’) in the ‘*kīratī*’ (praise) is part of the word stem; hence, it has been retained in Guru Granth Sahib as well.

Old Panjabi – *samjhāuṇā*; Braj – *samjhānā* (to explain/convince); Prakrit – *sambujjhāvai/samjhāvai* (explains/convinces); Sanskrit – *sambodhyati* (सम्बोधयति - addresses, explains/convinces).

*thāu*<sup>45</sup> = place.

*noun, accusative case; masculine, singular.*

Apabhransh – *thāu*; Prakrit – *thān*; Sanskrit – *sthānam* (स्थानम् - place).

na = no, not.

*particle.*

Old Panjabi – *nā/na*; Marwari/Awadhi/Lahndi/Sindhi/Kashmiri/Apabhransh – *na*;

Prakrit – *ṇaa/ṇā*; Pali – *nā/na*; Sanskrit – *nah* (नः - no/not, denoting negation).<sup>46</sup>

*hovī*<sup>47</sup> = is; is found, is obtained.

*verb, present tense; third person, masculine, singular.*

Apabhransh – *hoivī*; Prakrit – *hovai/bhavai*; Sanskrit – *bhavati* (भवति - happens/is).

*paūdī* = while receiving; while receiving (beating).

*present participle (adverb).*

Old Panjabi – *paiṇā/paiṇā* (to fall); Lahndi – *pevaṇ*; Sindhi – *pavaṇu* (to fall, to happen); Pali – *patati* (alights, falls); Sanskrit – *patati* (पतति - flies; Rigved - falls).

*huṇi*<sup>48</sup> = now.

*adverb.*

Lahndi/Apabhransh – *huṇ*; Prakrit – *ahuṇ/ahūṇā*; Pali/Sanskrit – *adhunā* (अधुना - now).

*suṇīai* = (what use is) listening to, heeding.

*verb, present tense; third person, masculine, singular.*

Lahndi – *suṇaṇ*; Sindhi – *suṇaṇu* (to hear/listen); Prakrit – *suṇii/suṇaṇ*; Pali – *suṇāti*; Sanskrit – *shriṇoti* (शृणोति - hears/listens).

<sup>45</sup> In Guru Granth Sahib '*thāu*' appears as singular and '*thāv*' appears as plural.

<sup>46</sup> Even though both '*na*' and '*nā*' have been used in Guru Granth Sahib, the difference in them is merely poetic; because '*na*' is one degree and '*nā*' is two degrees.

<sup>47</sup> Here, '*hovī*' is an abbreviated form of '*hovai*.' Because it is used with '*thāu*' (masculine), its meaning is 'happens/exists/takes place, gets, finds' etc.

<sup>48</sup> In the entire Guru Granth Sahib, *sihārī*-ending (short vowel, 'i') '*huṇi*' appears as time denoting adverb. This has changed into '*huṇe*' in the contemporary Panjabi.

*kiā* = what?

*adverb.*

Braj – *kiā*; Apabhransh – *kiya*; Prakrit – *kia*; Sanskrit – *kim* (किम् - what).

*ruāiā*<sup>49</sup> = cry, wailing.

*abstract participle (noun), accusative case; masculine, singular.*

Braj – *rūā*; Apabhransh/Prakrit – *rūa*; Sanskrit – *rudh* (रुध् - to cry, to wail).

*mani* = mentally.<sup>50</sup>

*noun, instrumental case; masculine, singular.*

Lahndi – *mann*; Apabhransh – *mane/mane*; Prakrit – *maṇi/manṇ*; Sanskrit – *manas* (मनस् - mind).

*andhai* = blind; ignorant (person).

*adjective (of the human being), nominative case; masculine, singular.*

Lahndi – *annhā/andhā*; Pali/Prakrit – *andh*; Sanskrit – *andh* (अन्ध - blind).

*janamu* = birth, human birth; human life.

*noun, accusative case; masculine, singular.*

Apabhransh – *janam*; Pali – *jamman*; Sanskrit – *janman* (जन्मन् - birth/life).

*gavāiā* = lost, wasted.

*verb, past tense; third person, masculine, singular.*

Old Panjabi – *gavāuṇā*; Sindhi – *gavāiṇu* (to lose, to waste/damage); Prakrit – *gamei/gamāvaī*; Pali – *gameti*; Sanskrit – *gamayati* (गमयति - causes to go).

.3. = Third *pauri* is complete.

### Poetical Dimension

Colloquial expressions have been employed impactfully in this *pauri*. Expressions like ‘*bhog bhogi kai*’ (indulging in consumption), ‘*hoi bhasmaṛi*’ (turned into a mound of ash), ‘*bhaūru sidhāiā*’ (when their spirit flew away like the bumble bee), ‘*vaḍā hoā*’ (when such a worldly person died), ‘*gali saṅgalu ghati calāiā*’ (the messengers of death having placed the chain around their neck, made them to depart), ‘*agai karṇī*

<sup>49</sup> Ending ‘*rūāiā*,’ which is a poetic variation of ‘*rūā*,’ seems to have been used for rhyming purposes.

<sup>50</sup> Taking directions from ‘*mani andhā nāu sujāṇu*’ (is mentally blind, name is wise – Guru Granth Sahib 471), the correct meaning of ‘*mani*’ here is (mentally).

*kīratī vācīai*; (hereafter, the deed worth doing, praising IkOankar, is counted), *'bahī lekhā kari samjhāiā'* (having been seated and accounted, their account was explained), and *'thāu na hovī paūdī'* (a place of refuge is not found there) were/are popular as proverbs and idioms among the populace. The use of these colloquial expressions is direct and creative, as they are employed to warn an ignorant person in a tone of frankness. This is a proverb because of the presence of colloquial terms.

The letter *'bha'* has been repeated in the first line of the *paurī*. Consequently, there is an alliteration. The words *'bhaūru'* (bumble bee), in the first line and *'aga'* (ahead/hereafter), and *'lekhā'* (account) in the third line has not been used in their literal sense, but as 'being,' 'hereafter,' and 'the accounting of deeds,' respectively.<sup>51</sup>

The line *'mani andhai janamu gavāiā'* (the mentally blind lost their life) has been used only once in the *paurī*, but still conveys the central meaning of the entire *paurī*.<sup>52</sup>

<sup>51</sup> This linguistic technique is called semantic deviation (*arth paddharī viclan*).

<sup>52</sup> This linguistic technique is called syntactic rareness (*vāk paddharī viraltā*).