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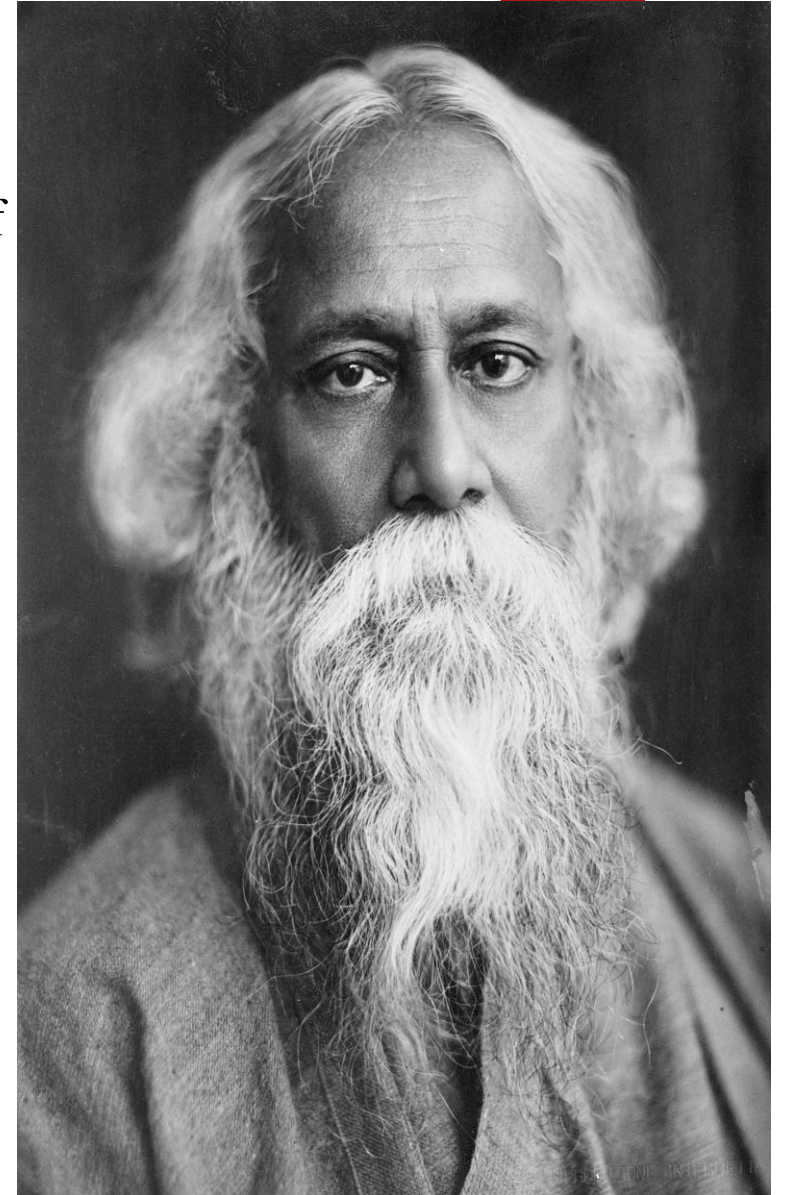
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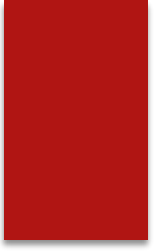
WHERE THE MIND IS WITHOUT FEAR

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- Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941) was a poet, playwright, novelist, painter, essayist, musician and a social reformer.
- He participated in the Indian freedom movement and was a close friend of Mahatma Gandhi.
- Tagore was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913, primarily for his little book of songs called Gitanjali.
- He was knighted by the British Government in 1915, but Tagore returned the honour in 1919 as a mark of protest against the Jallianwala Bagh massacre.
- He started an experimental school at Shantiniketan where he tried his ideals of education.
- In 1921, Tagore converted the little school into a University, Visva Bharati. Students from different countries join the University to study humanities, social science, fine arts, performing arts, agricultural science etc.



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- ❑ The poem Where the Mind is Without Fear is an extract from Tagore's Gitanjali.
 - ❑ Written before India's independence from the British rule, it is a prayer to God and a statement of hope in which he envisions a new, free, awakened India with its head held high with self-confidence and dignity.

He prays for and dreams of a country where all his fellow countrymen have access to education and stand united without letting petty differences divide them.

It should be a nation where truth, reason and hard work prevail so that his countrymen are led forward into "ever-widening thought and action."

The wisdom that this poem offers is as pertinent for each individual as it is for a country.

Where The Mind Is Without Fear -Rabindranath Tagore



Where the mind is without fear
and the head is held high
Where knowledge is free
Where the world has not
been broken up into fragments
By narrow domestic walls
Where words come out from
the depth of truth
Where tireless striving
stretches its arms towards perfection
Where the clear stream of reason
has not lost its way
In to the dreary desert sand of dead habit
Where the mind is led forward by thee
Into ever-widening thought and action
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father,
let my country awake.

Glossary

- broken up : divided
- narrow domestic walls: division on the narrow considerations of
caste, creed, religion etc.
- tireless striving : continuous efforts

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