

Section-by-section hints for memorizing the poem *Samadhi*

1

- A **Vanished** the veils of light and shade,  
Lifted every **vapor** of sorrow,  
Sailed away all dawns of fleeting joy,  
Gone the dim sensory mirage.
- B **Love, hate, health, disease, life, death,**  
Perished these false shadows on the screen of duality.

2

- C Waves of laughter, scyllas of sarcasm, melancholic  
**whirlpools,**  
Melting in the vast **sea** of bliss.
- D The **storm** of *maya* stilled
- E By magic wand of **intuition** deep.  
The **universe,** forgotten dream, subconsciously lurks,  
Ready to invade my newly wakened memory divine.

3

- I live without the cosmic shadow,  
But it is not, bereft of me;  
As the sea exists without the waves,  
But they breathe not without the sea.  
Dreams, waking, states of deep *turiya*, sleep;
- F **Present, past, future, no more for me,**  
**But ever-present, all-flowing I, I, everywhere.**

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**G** Planets, stars, stardust, earth,

**H** Volcanic bursts of doomsday cataclysms,

Creation's molding furnace,

Glaciers of silent x-rays, burning electron floods,

Thoughts of all men, past, present, to come,

Every blade of grass, myself, mankind,

**I** Each particle of universal dust,

**J** Anger, greed, good, bad, salvation, lust,

I swallowed, transmuted all

Into a vast ocean of blood of my own one Being!

5

**K** Smoldering joy, oft-puffed by meditation,

**L** Blinding my tearful eyes,

Burst into immortal flames of bliss,

Consumed my tears, my frame, my all.

Thou art I, I am Thou,

Knowing, Knower, Known, as One!

6

**M** Tranquilled, unbroken thrill, eternally living, ever new  
peace!

Enjoyable beyond imagination of expectancy, *samadhi*  
bliss!

Not a mental chloroform

Or unconscious state without wilful return,

*Samadhi* but extends my conscious realm

Beyond the limits of the mortal frame

To farthest boundary of eternity

Where I, the Cosmic Sea,

Watch the little ego floating in me.

7

The sparrow, each grain of sand, fall not without my sight.

All space like an iceberg floats within my mental sea.

Colossal Container, I, of all things made.

By deeper, longer, thirsty, guru-given meditation

Comes this celestial *samadhi*.

Mobile murmurs of atoms are heard,

**N** The dark earth, mountains, vales, lo! **molten liquid!**

**O** **Flowing seas** change into **vapors** of nebulae!

**P** *Aum* blows upon the **vapors**, **opening** wondrously their veils,

**Oceans** stand revealed, shining electrons,

Till, at last sound of the cosmic drum,

Vanish the grosser lights into eternal rays

**Q** Of all-pervading **bliss**.

8

From joy I came, for joy I live, in sacred joy I melt.

**R** Ocean of mind, I drink **all Creation's waves**.

**Four veils** of solid, liquid, vapor, light,

Lift aright.

**S** Myself, in everything, enters the **Great** Myself.

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**T** **Gone forever, fitful, flickering** shadows of mortal memory.

Spotless is my mental sky, below, ahead and high above.

Eternity and I, one united ray.

A tiny bubble of laughter, I

Am become the Sea of Mirth Itself.

**Learn: 1&2, 3&4, 5&6, 7, 8&9**

**A: Vanished helps remember Vapors**

**B: Matched pairs of opposites**

**C: Whirlpools are found in the sea**

**D: Sea has many storm(s)**

**E: U in intuition matches universe**

**F: Two lines are one long, run-on sentence**

**G: Begins list of physical manifestations, one long sentence**

**H: Imagine in your head to make it stand out**

**I: Dust rhymes with lust, to remember what comes next**

**J: More matched pairs**

**K: Energy and direction change, beginning new phase**

**L: Both lines begin with B**

**M: Two words beginning with E remind me next sentence begins with E too**

**N: Molten liquid matches meaning of flowing seas**

**O: Vapors in this line and the next line**

**P: O of opening tells me the next line begins with O**

**Q: Bliss tells me next line is about joy**

**R: This phrase suggests four veils of next line**

**S: G tells me next line begins with G**

**T: 3 words in a row begin with F**