

Editor's Pick

# Borgeet

**Composed by Sri Sri Sankardev**

I lie prostrate at your feet  
Save my soul,  
Pain shakes me, pain is terrible  
I cannot hold on to life.

This world is in a flux and change  
Life property and youth  
Have been for ever changing  
Wife children and all are insubstantial  
Nothing is an invariant core.  
Even my soul is most unsteady  
Like a drop of water  
On a lotus leaf  
Your feet alone can assure  
Shelter from fear.  
Sankar prays to you Hrisikesh  
To take him across the sea of sorrows.  
You are motion, consciousness and the lord  
Kindly show me path, advise me.

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**Sri Sri Sankardev** (1449-1568) was a 15-16<sup>th</sup> Century Indian Saint-Scholar, social and religious reformer, poet, playwright and musician of Assam. Borgeet or Songs Celestial is a tradition of *raga* and *tala* based Assamese song developed by Sri Sri Sankardev and Sri Sri Madhavdev, another Indian Saint-Scholar, poet of Assam.