

### Lesson - 3

## LATA MANGESHKAR : THE MELODY QUEEN

### A. WARMER

**Have you ever heard any song sung by Lata?  
What do you like about her voice?**

'AEI MERE VATAN KE LOGON ZARA AAKH MEIN BHAR LO PAANI  
JOSHAHEED HUE HAIN UNKI ZARA YAAD KARO QURBANI.'

Tears rolled down unchecked and Nehru wept like a child to hear the patriotic song. It was soon after the Chinese aggression in 1962. Lata's song immortalised the heroic deeds of our soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the country. Since then, this song has become the epitome of the patriotic songs.



Lata Mangeshkar, the singer of 'Aei Mere Vatan.....' is nicknamed 'Swar Samragyi' (melody queen) and 'Swar Kokila'. She was born on 28th September 1929 in a Maharastrian family residing in Indore in Madhya Pradesh. Her father Deenanath Mangeshkar was himself a noted classical singer and Theatre artist. Her mother's name was Shudhhamati. The family's last name used to be Hardikar but Deenanath changed it to Mangeshkar in order to identify his family with his native town, Mangeshi in Goa. Lata was named Hridaya at her birth. Her parents later renamed her Lata after a female character Latika in one of her father's plays. The famous singers Asha Bhonsle and Usha Mangeshkar are her

younger sisters. Her younger brother Hridayanath is a well-known music director. Meena is the youngest sister.

Lata Mangeshkar has won several awards and honours including Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan, Dada Sahab Phalke Award, Maharashtra Bhushan Award, NTR National Award in addition to three National Film Awards, 12 Bengal Film Journalist Association Award and Film Fare Best Female Playback Singer Award. In 1969, she made the unusual gesture of giving up the Filmfare Best Female Playback Singer Award in order to promote fresh talent. She was later awarded filmfare lifetime achievement Award in 1993.

She has also won the highest civilian award of the country Bharat Ratna (2001). Our country is proud of her and she stands as guiding Principle for our young budding vocalist.

## GLOSSARY AND NOTES

|                   |                                |                             |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| patriotic         | (पैट्रियोटिक), देशभक्ति        | having love for the country |
| aggression        | (एग्रेसन), आक्रमण              | attack                      |
| immortalised      | (इम्मोर्टलाइज्ड), अमर किया     | made immortal               |
| sacrificed        | (सेक्रिफाईस्ड), त्याग किया     | gave away                   |
| epitome           | (एपिटमि), साकार रूप, प्रतीक    | embodiment                  |
| residing          | (रिसाइडिंग), बसा हुआ था        | living, situated            |
| classical         | (क्लासिकल), क्लासिकल           | standard                    |
| identify          | (आइडेन्टीफाई) चिह्नित करना     | recognise                   |
| native            | (नेटिव), जन्म स्थान से संबंधित | belonging to birth place    |
| artist            | (आर्टिस्ट), कलाकार             | performer                   |
| award             | (अवार्ड) पुरस्कार              | prize                       |
| honour            | (ऑनर), सम्मान                  | respect                     |
| association       | (एसोसिएशन), संघ                | federation                  |
| unusual           | (अनयूजुअल), असाधारण            | uncommon                    |
| gesture           | (जेस्चर), संकेत, सहृदयता       | kindness, posture           |
| promote           | (प्रोमोट), बढ़ावा देना         | encourage                   |
| guiding principle | (गाइडिंग प्रिंसीपल), मूल आत्मा | controlling spirit          |

## COMPREHENSION

### B.1 Think and Tell

#### B.1.1 Answer the following:

1. Who is called Swar Samragyi?
2. Which award she gave up?
3. Why did she give up that award?

### B.2 Think and Write

#### Answer in not more than 50 words :

1. What was the earlier name of Lata? Why was it changed?
2. Lataji refused to accept the filmfare award. Why did she do so? What light does it throw on her personality?
3. 'Pt. Nehru could not control his tears. What does it suggest about Lata's art of singing?

## C. VOCABULARY

### C.1 Go through the text again and again and give the meanings of the following words:

sacrifice, patriotic, native, gesture.

### C.2 Find out the opposite of the following words from the text:

dishonour, usual, protection, mortal

## D. GRAMMAR

### Conjunctions

#### Read the following:

1. Her father was a classical singer and a theater artist.  
Here we see two traits of the same person joined by using 'and'.

2. The family's last name used to be Hardikar but Deenanath changed it to Mangeshkar.  
Here 'but' is used to join two opposite things or things contrasting in nature.

**Now insert either 'and' or 'but' to complete the following sentences :**

1. He is a naughty boy ..... good in studies.
2. He is a player ..... a singer.
3. Raju shouts loudly in the playground ..... speaks very slowly in the class.

## **E. Let's Talk and Write**

### **E.1 Every body has a hobby. What is yours?**

**Discuss in groups your hobbies and then complete the sentences given below :**

- (a) I am a ..... [boy/ girl]
- (b) I study in class ..... [five/ six]
- (c) I am fond of ..... [playing, singing. dancing  
reading, watching T.V.]
- (d) I ..... in the evening after I finish my homework.  
[take sleep/ take bath]
- (e) I ..... lot of time to my hobby. [give/ take]
- (f) I want to grow big and become a .....  
[singer/ dancer]

## **F. TRANSLATION**

### **F.1 Translate the following into English :**

1. मुझे गाना गाना अच्छा लगता है।
2. मुझे कहानियाँ पढ़ना अच्छा लगता है।
3. मैं बड़े हो कर क्रिकेटर बनना चाहता हूँ।

## F.2 Translate the following into Hindi :

1. I am fond of watching T.V.
2. I want to become Lata Mangeshkar.
3. I want to fight for my country.
4. I am a brave boy.

## G. LET'S PLAY

### Fun with words denoting sounds.

Some interesting words sound like the noises for which they stand. You use a different tone of voice when you say these words. The voice become louder and more forceful.

### For example :

Zoom ! went the Car  
Bang ! went the door  
Pip ! Pop ! flippely Flop !

### Say the following and write the names of things that would make these sounds or actions :

|          |       |
|----------|-------|
| Click!   | ..... |
| Chirp!   | ..... |
| Whisper! | ..... |
| Oh!      | ..... |
| Ah!      | ..... |

