

the causes of its Gods and Goddesses, aquatic landscapes, rural surroundings, and the people irrespective of rich and poor alike. Therefore, time and tide has not thrown her into the limbo of oblivion. Her ideas and concern for common man got reflected in her works. Her life and creatives made her a legendary personality in her life time itself. She championed the cause of a world-free from evil and injustice. Her passion for justice, equality, liberty and fraternity was astounding. Throughout her life she fought against injustice and exploitation.

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On The Path of Swaraj

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Countrymen, Companion, Kins
and others are Are you frightened at my getting
behind the bar ?
It was apprehended before hand
then, why do you feel so sad ?
Timidity is the coward's character
A hero kills or dies himself either.
In hero's horoscope no retreat is there
For sake of life he dies never.
I know this war of peace is on
There's no need of bomb, bullet or gun.
Neither muscle nor money is needed
No carriage, horse or elephant required.
This spiritual battle is there
to curb the beastly power.
He who, leaving aside wealth, home or relation
Has addressed himself with arm of non cooperation

and by non violence is urge
shall reserve a place in the stage.
Jail is its initial effect
Death may come as ultimate.
Knowing well I have entered to the war
I never mind for honour or dishonour.

Let my body mingle to country's soil
Let march along it one and all.
Let my flesh and bones pile
all holes and ditches of Swaraj fill.

At all on emulation of my life
to the Freedom path any man persuaded if,
His Providence's blissful desire
Let be fulfilled – it is my ultimate desire.

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