



Dear Gurumayi,

In my Birthday Gift for you in 2017 I expressed my:

*"...heartfelt longing, wish and love for you to visit Australia for a special performance of a new song similar to our offering back on the 25 March 1997 and 1 April 1997 at the Siddha Yoga Ashram in Sydney to celebrate the completion of the renovations to the Meditation Hall."*

As you know the tradition of sending a "musical gift" for your birthday began after your visit in 1997. In relation to this, I was inspired to create a special website (unpublished and private) toward the end of last year to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this tradition:

[www.thoughtube.com/public/SweetVoice](http://www.thoughtube.com/public/SweetVoice)

I sent this to the Siddha Yoga Australian Trustees and to Swami Ishwarananda in November 2017. (Swamiji had called me with Jonathan Shimkin on 15 August 2017.)

### **Birthday Gift 2018**

As you know we are nearing completion (later this year) of the new Meditation Hall at the Sydney Ashram and the major renovations at the Melbourne Ashram.

I include a second special invitation gift for you to visit Australia. The gift features a video (USB Flash Drive included), which includes a unique "bird's-eye" view of the Sydney, Melbourne and Shree Muktananda Ashrams, plus Uluru at the heart of Australia. It also includes:

- A "Special Invitation" card and
- The lyrics to two new songs.

The first song, "I Found Home" celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your visit to Uluru and the second song "Stand near a fire..." is about the power of being in the presence of a living Master - a divine "fire". The video highlights:

1. Your two visits to the Sydney Ashram in 1997. (25 March 1997 and 1 April 1997).
2. Your pilgrimage to the sacred site of Uluru at the heart of Australia, also in April, 1997.
3. Birthday Gift (2012): *Longing for a Chanting Tour in Australia*. ("We Become Everything".)
4. New songs in 2018 to celebrate:
  - Sydney Ashram New Meditation Hall (Song: "I Found Home").
  - Melbourne Ashram Major Renovations (Song: "Stand Near a Fire").

**Special Invitation 2018 to Visit Australia:** <https://vimeo.com/274202390/b62584c4ba>

I hope you enjoy the gift and I look forward to the loving possibility of seeing you soon.

Happy Birthday Gurumayi.

With much love,

*Akonewsky*