| 1 | Maya Taje To Kya Hua  
Maan Taja Naa Jaaye  
Maan Bade Munivar Gaye  
Maan Saban Ko Khaye | It is very easy to give up efforts and lose wealth. It is really very difficult to give up the ego. Very great and analytical people have fallen victim to ego. The ego is killing one and all. |
| 2 | Kade Abhimaan Na Kijiye  
Kaha Kabir Samajhaye  
Ja Seer Aha Jo Sanchare  
Pade Chouryasi Jaaye | Don't have ego. He who has ego is restless always. |
| 3 | Sukha Ke Sangi Swarthi  
Dukh Me Rahate Door  
Kahe Kabir Parmarthi  
Dukh Sukh Sada Hujoor | The fair weather friends stay away when we face the rough weather. Those who understand the truth are with us at all times. |
| 4 | Sabase Laghuta Hi Bhali  
Laghuta Se Sab Hoya  
Jasa Dwitiya Ka Chandrama  
Shashi Lahai Sab Koye | It is always better to be humble. Being humble is an effective way of getting results. The Moon of the second day (after the no moon day) is loved by all. |
| 5 | Chhama Badan Ko Uchit Hai  
Chhotan Ko Utpat  
Ka Bishno Ka Ghati Gaya  
Jo Bhrug Mari Laat | Forgiveness befits the person who is great. One who is petty does something destructive. What is the loss incurred by God Vishnu after receiving a blow from Maharishi Bhrugu. |
| 6 | Jaisa Bhojan Kijiye  
Vaisa Hi Mana Hoye  
Jaisa Paani Pijiye  
Taisi Vani Hoye | Your mind is affected by the food that you consume. Your voice is the reflection of the drinks you have. |
| 7 | Kabira Te Nar Andh Hai  
Jo Guru Kahate Aur  
Hari Ruthe Guru Thor Hai  
Guru Ruthe Nahi Thor | Kabir says that the people who do not understand Guru are blind. If God is displeased with us then Guru is there for salvation. If he is displeased there can be no salvation. |
| 8 | Kabira Dheeraj Ke Dhare  
Haathi Man Bhar Khaaye  
Tuk Tuk Bekar Me  
Svan Ghare Ghar Jaaye | As the elephant has patience it eats till its mind is satisfied. But the impatient dog runs here and there in the hope of food. |
It is better if one can just have a chance of looking at the purified butter. It is not good to eat oil. It is good to have a sensible person as our enemy than to befriend a fool.

A good person is like a sandal tree. The world is like a snake. The snake resides on the sandal tree but the sandal tree does not become poisonous to any extent.

A tree tells a leave that listen to the tradition of my family. It is that one comes while another goes.

When ego will go then someone else will come. When the mind becomes calm then the truth is revealed.

Niether the wealth has permanance nor the youth. What someone can have forever is his good name. This someone can achieve only after working for the wellbeing of others.

Our mind is delighted in having sensual pleasures. Let us understand that the world is being devoured by the time. Somebody is in the mouth while others are on the platter.

Dont have ego. Dont talk big. A diamond never says that it has a great cost.

When Kabir is asked to teach an intellectual then he feels shy. What is the use of showing dancing skills to one who is blind.
Sheetal Shabad
Uchchariye
Aham Maniye Nahi
Tera Pritam Tujh Me Hai
Dushman Bhi Tujh Mahi
You should speak sweet honeyed words. You should not have ego.
Your beloved is in your mind and your enemy is also there.

Khod Khad Dharati Sahe
Kaat Koot Vanaraay
Kutil Vachan Sadhu Sahe
Aur Se Saha Na Jaaye
The earth bears the digging. The forest bears the axe. A person who is good bears the harsh words. Others cannot bear the harsh words.

Mana Ke Bahu Satrang Hai
Chhin Chhin Badale Soye
Ek Rang Me Jo Rahe
Aisa Birla Koye
There are many colors of the mind. The mind is always changing its color. He is very rare whose mind does not change color.

Mitha Sab Koi Khaat Hai
Vish Hai Laage Dhaay
Neem Na Koi Peevasi
Sabe Rog Mit Jaay
Everyone likes eating sugar. This results in spreading of poison in the body. None likes to drink juice of Neem leaves. This can cure the body from all diseases.

Naari Purush Sab Hi Suno
Yah Satguru Ki Saakh
Vish Phal Phale Anek Hai
Mat Dekho Koi Chaakh
Listen everybody to the preaching of a good preacher. There are many ways of sensual enjoyment. But one should abstain from any such way.

Parnari Ki Yaachna
Jo Lahasun Ki Khan
Kone Baithe Khaiye
Pragat Hoye Nidaan
A desire for other's wife is like a mine of garlic. A person can eat garlic hiding from all. But the fact of his having consumed garlic is clear to anyone who meets him.

Padha Suna Seekha Sabhi
Miti Naa Sanshay Shool
Kahe Kabir Kaso Kahu
Ye Sab Dukh Ka Mool
One may read, listen and learn everything. But after doing all this he has confusion. Kabir is at pains to explain that confusion is the root of sorrow.

Pahale Shabad Pichhaniye
Pichhe Kije Mol
Parkhi Parkhe Ratan Ko
Shabad Ka Mol Na Tol
First you should understand what has been said by others. Then you can make the valuation of the words that you have listened. A goldsmith can test the purity of gold. One does not have any means for the valuation and weighment of words.

Mana Unmana Na Toliye
Shabada Ke Mol Na Tol
When your mind is raged then you should not react to the words. One does not have any means for the valuation and weighment
| 26 | Shram Hi Se Sab Kuchh Bane | Efforts can accomplish everything. Nothing can be accomplished without taking efforts. A purified butter that is frozen cannot be taken out with a straight finger. |
| 27 | Tinka Kabahu Naa Nindiye Paav Tale Jo Hoye | One should not abuse a blade of grass under one's feet. If that happens to strike on one's eye then there will be terrific pain. |
| 28 | Oonche Kul Ke Karane Bhool Raha Sansar | Don't disregard the world at large under the notion that you belong to a great family. Where will be the prestige of your family on the day on which you will have to depart from the world. |
| 29 | Maya Maya Sab Kahe Maya Lakhe Na Koye Jo Manase Na Utare Maya Kahiye Soye | Everyone talks about delusion. No one understands what it is. The one that wraps the mind should be identified as delusion. |
| 30 | Bhookhe Ko Kuch Deejiye Yathashakti Jo Hoye Taa Upar Sheetal Bachan Lakho Aatma Soye | Offer to the needy whatever you can. Speak sweet honeyed words to all. This is how you will come to know the eternal spirit. |
| 31 | Chidiya Choch Bhar Le Gayi Nadi Ko Ghatyo Naa Neer Daan Diye Dhan Naa Ghaate Kaha Gaye Daas Kabir | A sparrow flies away with a beakful of water. A river does not have any depletion of its water due to this. Similarly one does not decrease his wealth by giving donation. |
| 32 | Jo Koi Ninde Sadhu Ko Sankat Aave Soye Narak Jaaye Janame Mare Mukti Kabahu Na Hoye | One who abuses a good person invites disaster for himself. He goes to hell and changes his state of mind every time. He cannot attain salvation in any manner. |
| 33 | Vishaya Vasana Uljhikar Jaanam Gavaya Baat Ab Pachatava Kya Kare | You were entangled in the sensual pleasures. This is how you have wasted your life. You are repenting today. You should remind your past actions. |
Nij Karani Kar Yaad

|| 34 ||
Dharma Kiye Dhan Na Ghaate
Nadi Ghate Naa Neer
Apni Aakhan Dekh Lo
Kaha Gaye Das Kabir

One does not decrease his wealth by giving donation. A river does not experience any depletion of its water. Kabirdas wants you to see this on your own.

|| 35 ||
Ati Hat Mat Kar Bavare
Hat Se Baat Ne Hoye
Jyon Jyon Bheeje Kamari
Tyon Tyon Bhaari Hoye

Dont just insist for something without sense. Just by your insisting the thing cannot happen. The gunny bags of salt will gain weight every moment if these are immmersed in water.

|| 36 ||
Gyan Samagam Prem Sukh
Daya Bhakti Biswas
Guru Seva Te Paiye
Satguru Charan Niwas

Knowledge, association with good, love, happiness, mercy, devotion and faith. All this after being in the service at the feet of a good preceptor.

|| 37 ||
Guru Kumbhar Shish Kumbh Hai
Gadi Gadi Kadhe Khot
Andar Haat Savar De Bahar Mare Chot

A preceptor is like a potter (earthman) and a disciple is like a pot. A potter hits the pot from outside and provides every support from within.

|| 38 ||
Kabira Man Panchi Bhaya
Bhave Taha Aa Jaaye
Jo Jaisi Sangat Kare
So Taisa Phal Paye

A mind is like a bird. It goes where it likes. The results one gets is for the company he keeps.

|| 39 ||
Sheel Shama Jab Upaje
Alakh Drishti Tab Hoye
Bin Sheel Pahuche Nahi
Laakh Kathe Jo Koye

When one experiences great qualities like good character and mercy rising in his mind then one can see the truth. Without this there is no other path to the truth.

|| 40 ||
Kabira Gyan Bichar Bin
Hari Dhundhan Ko Jaye
Tan Me Tirloki Base
Ab Tak Parkha Naye

Kabir says that you are searching God without proper thinking and knowledge. He is there within you. You dont know how to see.

|| 41 ||
Kala Nala Heen Jal
So Phir Paani Hoye
Jo Paani Moti Bhaya
So Phir Neer Na Hoye

An ice becomes water in the course of time. The water that has become a pearl will never again become water.
| 42 | Kaami Tare Krodhi Tare  
    Lobhi Ki Gati Hoye  
    Salil Bhakta Sansar Me  
    Tarat Na Dekha Koye  
    A man of lust or a man of anger can get salvation. A man of greed can come to the right path. But a person who drinks wine is never seen as being saved in this world. |
| 43 | Tan Man Lajja Na Kare  
    Kaam Baan Ur Shaal  
    Ek Kaam Sab Bas Kiye  
    Sur Nar Muni Behaal  
    He who has arrows of lust pricked in his chest does not know how to tame his body or mind. The one lust has occupied the mind of all. The divine creatures, human beings and the people undertaking penance have been made to lose the peace by the lust. |
| 44 | Ghar Jaaye Ghar Ubhare  
    Ghar Raakhe Ghar Jaaye  
    Ek Achambha Dekhiya  
    Mua Kaal To Khaye  
    The utmost wonder is that the time devours everything. |
| 45 | Kabira Yah Gati Atpati  
    Chatpati Lakh Naa Jaaye  
    Jo Mana Ki Khatpat Mite  
    Adhar Bhaya Thaharaye  
    A restless mind is not a mind in good state. Only the mind that becomes stable can get rest. |
| 46 | Sevak Seva Me Rahe  
    Sevak Kahiy Seoye  
    Kahe Kabira Bavla  
    Sevak Kabhi Na Hoye  
    A good disciple remains in the service of preceptor. A person who is senseless can never be a good disciple. |
| 47 | Satguru Mila Jo Janiye  
    Gyan Ujala Hoye  
    Bharam Ka Bhanda Todkar  
    Rahe Nirala Hoye  
    If you will be at the feet of the preceptor then you will experience the glow of knowledge. You should break the sphere of delusion and maintain your independence. |
| 48 | Bandhe Ko Bandhe Mile  
    Chhoote Koun Upaaye  
    Jo Mile Nirbandh Ko  
    Pal Me Le Chhudaye  
    A person who has his arms tied meets others whose arms are also tied. Now how should they set themselves free. If they meet the one whose arms are not tied then he will set them free immediately. |
| 49 | Kabir Lahare Samudra Ki  
    Moti Bikhare Aaye  
    Bagula Parakh Na Jaan Hi  
    Hansa Chun Chun Khaye  
    The waves of sea spread the pearls on the sea-shore. A heron cannot understand how to identify a pearl. A swan carefully identifies the pearls and gets satisfied. |
| 50 |
Kabira Darshan Sadhu Ke
Karan Na Kije Kaani
Jo Udham Se Lakshami Ki
Alas Mana Se Haani

Dont shirk to meet a good person. An intoxicated or lethargic mind
causes loss of wealth.

|| 51 ||
Sadhu Shabda Samudra
Hai
Jaa Me Ratan Bharaay
Mand Bhag Mutthi Bhar
Kankar Haath Lagaay

A good person is an ocean of pearls. Those who are not intelligent
end with handful of sand after meeting a good person.

|| 52 ||
Sadhu Bhookha Bhav Ka
Dhan Ka Bhookha Nahi
Dhan Ka Bhookha Jo Phire

A good person wants that you should have faith in what he says. He
is not after your money. He who roams for money is not a good
person.

So To Sadhu Naahi

|| 53 ||
Bhes Dekh Na Puchhiye
Puchh Lijiye Gyan
Bina Kasouti Hot Nahi
Kanchan Ki Pehchan

Dont go after the outward appearance. See whether he has the right
knowledge. A goldsmith cannot verify the purity of gold without
putting it to test.

|| 54 ||
Kasturi Kundal Base
Mrug Dhoondhe Ban
Maahi
Jyo Ghat Ghat Ram Hai
Duniya Dekhe Nahi

A deer has the fragrance in itself and runs throughout the forest for
finding it. Similarly Ram is everywhere but the world does not see.

|| 55 ||
Koyala Bhi Ujala
Jari Pari Jo Sek
Murakh Hoy Naa Ujala
Jo Kaala Ka Khet

A coal becomes white when put on fire. A fool does not shun his
foolishness after any treatment.

|| 56 ||
Kabira Teri Jhopadi
Gal Katiyan Ke Paas
Jaisi Karani Vaisi Bharani
Tu Kyu Hua Udaas

One reaps what one sows

|| 57 ||
Karata Raha So Kyo Raha
Ab Kari Kyo Pachhataye
Boye Ped Babul Ka
So Amua Kaha Se Paaye

You were about to do this. But why you did not do. You had sown
seeds of babul tree. Therefore you should not expect mangos from
the tree.

|| 58 ||
1.
Kabira Garva Naa Kijiye
Kabahu Naa Hasiye Koye
Aja Ye Naav Samudra Me
Naa Jane Kya Hoye

Dont feel proud. Dont mock at anybody. Your life is like a boat in the sea. Who can say what may happen at any time.

2.
Maati kahe kumbhar ko
Tu kya roondhe mohe
Ek din aisaa aayega
Mai roondhoo gi tohe.

A person who makes earthen pots from the earth beats the earth under his feet to facilitate fine moulding work. See how the destiny works. His body is decomposed in the same earth after his death.

3.
Aaye hai jo jaayenge
Raaja rank fakir
Ek sinhaansan chadhi chale
Dooja bandhe janjeer.

He who comes to this world has to depart. He may be a king or a fakir. He who departs also comes back due to his effects of past actions.

4.
Chalti chakki dekh re
Diya kabira roye
Do paatan ke beech mein
Baaki bacha na koyi
Baaki bacha na koyi.

Between the grinding stones of cravings and aversions the whole world is being crushed. Kabir weeps at the plight of the world as none is able to see the truth.

5.
Kabira Seep Samudra Ki
Khara Jal Nahi Le
Paani Piye Swati Ka
Shobha Sagar De

A shell in the ocean does not take any salty water from the ocean. It drinks the raindrops falling during the period of Swati Constellation and adds to the beauty of the ocean.

6.
Satguru Mila To Sab Mile
Naa To Mila Naa Koye
Maat Pita Sut Bandhava
Ye To Ghar Ghar Hoye

If someone is able to have a privilege of being in the company of a good preceptor then he has the privilege of being in the company of all. Otherwise he does not understand any relation. The relatives like mother, father, son and brother are there in all families.

7.
Chinta To Guru Naam Ki
Aur Na Chitave Daas
Jo Koi Chitave Naam Binu
Soi Kaal Ki Aas

It is better to meditate on Guru. He who meditates on anything else will be devoured by the time.

8.
Kahata Hu Kahi Jaat Hu
Kahat Bajaye Dhol
Swasa Khaali Jaat Hai
Teen Lok Ka Mol

Dont say that you belong to a very prominent caste. This is nothing for which you should beat drums. You are wasting your breaths and standing separated from the eternal spirit.
Daas Bananna Kathin Hai
Mai Dasan Ka Daas
Ab To Aisa Hoye Rahu
Paav Tale Ki Ghaas

It is difficult to serve others. I am serving those who are serving others. Now I long to become like a grass under the feet of people.

Vishaya Tyag Bairagya Hai
Samata Kahiye Gyan
Sukhadayi Sab Jeev So
Yahi Bhakati Parmaan

Being detached means renouncing the sensual pleasures. Knowledge means equanimity. Devotion means creating happiness for all the beings.

Bhakati Mahal Bahu Ooch Hai
Door Hi Se Darshaay
Jo Koi Jan Bhakati Kare
Shobha Barni Naa Jaaye

The palace of devotion has a very great height. This one can observe from a distance. Whoever is engaged in devotion, words fall short for describing his beauty.

Kabira Yeh Sansar Hai
Jaisa Semal Phool
Din Das Ke Vyavahar Me Jhoote Rang Na Bhoool

This world is like a flower that traps a bee. Do not get overwhelmed by what you experience for a while.

Ek Din Aisa Aayega
Sab Se Pade Bichhoh
Raja Rani Raav Rank
Savadh Kyo Nahi Hoye

On the last day there will be separation from everybody. This should be understood by one and all.

Jaise Bhakati Kare Sabai Vaise Pooja Hoye
Bhay Palat Hai Jeev Ko Nirbhay Hoye Naa Koye

Your mind should have devotion to come out of the loop of fear.

Shabda Barabar Dhan Nahin
Jo Koi Jaane Bol
Hira To Damo Mile
Shabda Mol Naa Tol

He who is good at speaking understands that there is no wealth like words. A diamond can be purchased for a value. One do not just have any means for valuation of word.

Ram Naam Ki Loot Hai
Loot Sake To Loot
Antakaal Pachhatayega
Jab Pran Jayenge Chhoot

You have the access to the name of Ram without any cost. Why dont you have access to it as much as you can. Otherwise at the last moment of your life you will feel sorry.
Neend Nishani Mout Ki
Uttha Kabira Jaag
Aur Rasayan Chaadi Ke
Naam Rasayan Laag

A state of being asleep is at par with the state of being dead. Therefore Kabir should get up. He should shun everything else and remember the God.

Kabir (1398-1518)

Kabir is a mystic poet par-excellence. His two line couplets called doha (dohe) are seeped in philosophy. It is really surprising that a man of no education could compose such gems. Kabir is an important person in Indian history because of the religious tolerence that he preached. To him Muslims and Hindus were equal. Speaking of God he says

Moko Kahan Dhundhere Bande
Mein To Tere Paas Mein
Na Teerath Mein, Na Moorat Mein
Na Ekant Niwas Mein
Na Mandir Na Masjid Mein
Na Kabe Kailas Mein
Mein To Tere Paas Mein Bande
Mein To Tere Paas Mein
Na Mein Jap Mein, Na Mein Tap Mein
Na Mein Barat Mein
Na Mein Kiriya Karm Mein
Na Mein Pahal Mein
Na Jog Sanyas Mein
Nahin Pran Nahin Mein
Nahin Nain Me
Na Brahmand Akas Mein
Na Prakuti Prawar Mein
Nahin Swason Swans Mein
Nahin Khoji Jaoon Mein
Ik Pal Mil Mein
Kahet Kabir Mein
Mein To Hun Viswas Mein

(Where do search for me dear man, I am neither in the temple, nor in the mosque)

Dohas are composed of 4 segments called charans. The first and third segments have 13 maatras
each and the second and fourth have eleven maatras. A guru is a count of 2 maatras and a laghu is a count of 1 maatra. The actualities of guru-laghu are too intricate to be discussed here without a detailed account of Hindi language.

Standing in the mart, I ask for riddance of all woe, for I have neither friend nor foe

Bura jo dekahn mein chala, bura na milya koi, Jo dil khoja aapna to mujh say bura na koi

I went in search of evil, only to find none. Looking into myself, realized there was more evil none.

None becomes great, just because of fame. Thorn-apple is called gold, what's in a name!

Kaal karay so aaj kar, aaj karay so ab, Pal mein pralay hogayi, bahuri karogay kab

What is to be done tomorrow, do it today. What is to be done today - now When will you finish your job, for catastrophe strikes in a second - and how!

Bada hua to kya hua jaisay paid khajoor, Panthi ko chhaya nahin, phal laagen ati door.

Growing big is no growing, like a tree of date. Neither shade nor fruit to the traveller, oh what a fate.

Saat samundar masi kare, lekhani sab banraay dharati sab kaagad kare, guru gun likha na jaay.

Sevens seas turned to ink, into pen all forest, all earth a sheet of paper, glory of guru can't be written yet.

Saayin itna deeejiye jaa mein kutumb samaaye, Main bhi bhookha na rahoon, saadhu na bhookha jaaye

Dear Lord, provide me with enough, that my family I take care, neither do I go hungry, nor the wanderer at my door-step for death prepare.

Mayaa mari na man mera, mar mar gaye shareer,
Aasha trishna na mari, keh gaye das Kabir.

*Neither illusions nor heart are dead, dead are bodies, for the observant. Neither hopes nor mirages are dead, so says dear Kabir, your servant.*

Dukh mein simran sab karen, sukh mein karay na koye
Jo sukh mein simran karay, to dukh kahay ko hoye.

*All pray in woe, never once in joy. To those who pray in joy, there is no unhappiness to annoy.*

Aisee bani boliye, man ka aapa khoye,
Auran ko seetal kare, apahu seetal hoy.

*Speak sweet words such, the woe of heart is gone. Others hearts are endeared, and your heart of sorrow atone.*

Jaisay til mein tel hai, jyon chakmak mein aag,
Tera saayin tujh mein hai, tu jaag sakay to jaag.

*Like there is oil in linseed, the fire in the flint stone. Your god in within you, acknowledge the unkown.*

Jaati na poocho saadhu ki, pooch lijiye gyaan
Mol karo talwar ki padi rehen do miyaan.

*Ask not the caste of the great, only knowledge he gained hard. Evaluate the sharpness of the sword, never the scabbard.*

Maati kahe kumbhar ko tu kya roondhe mohe
Ek din aisaa aayega mai roondhoo gi tohe.

*The clay tells the potter, squeeze me as much as you can squeeze. For a day will come when I will squeeze you with great ease!*

Aaye hai jo jaayenge Raaja rank fakir
Ek sinhaansan chadhi chale Dooja bandhe janjeer.

*Having come, all have to leave, be it prince or pauper. Lived as they did, one on throne and one in shackles deeper.*

Kabira pyaala prem ka antar liya laggay
Rom rom me rami rahe, aur amal kya khaay?

*A cup of love, taken within that I have seeped into every follicle, what more intoxicating can I have?*