

Arjun's First Lohri

Dance *bhangara* or *gidda* all night Arjun

For it is your first Lohri,

People have come in extravagant numbers and from far

To keep rhythm with you.

Whether you pray to *Surya* or *Agni*,

Whether you eat *gur* or *gachak*,

Now is the moment for you to show us all

Your fire and vigor, your love and *masti*.

Winter solstice has just started

And hopes for longer and warmer days have taken seed,

We want the giddiness and spirit of summer

To enrapture us.

For years we were waiting for you,

Finally God mercifully listened

And gifted you to us -

Our everlasting prize.

Dance on and on around a bonfire

Till the wee hours of the morning,

So people will remember your first Lohri

With mirth and sharp memory.

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