

## Satyakama

Satyakama resolved to  
seek a Teacher and lead the life of a student of Truth

*Who is my father?*  
he asked his mother  
*I do not know*  
said his mother, Jabala.  
*Call yourself*  
*Satyakama Jabala*  
*and tell the truth to him*  
*that shall ask of you*

And thus he went to Haridrumata Gautama  
and said:

*Sir, accept me as your student.*

*What is your parentage?* asked the teacher

*I do not know in truth, Sir,  
replied Satyakama  
only, my mother appended my name to hers*

*And the Teacher said to him:  
Only a noble aspirant  
would speak thus, Satyakama;  
only a seeker of truth  
would speak thus, Satyakama.  
Come, sit and listen to the Teachings.*

