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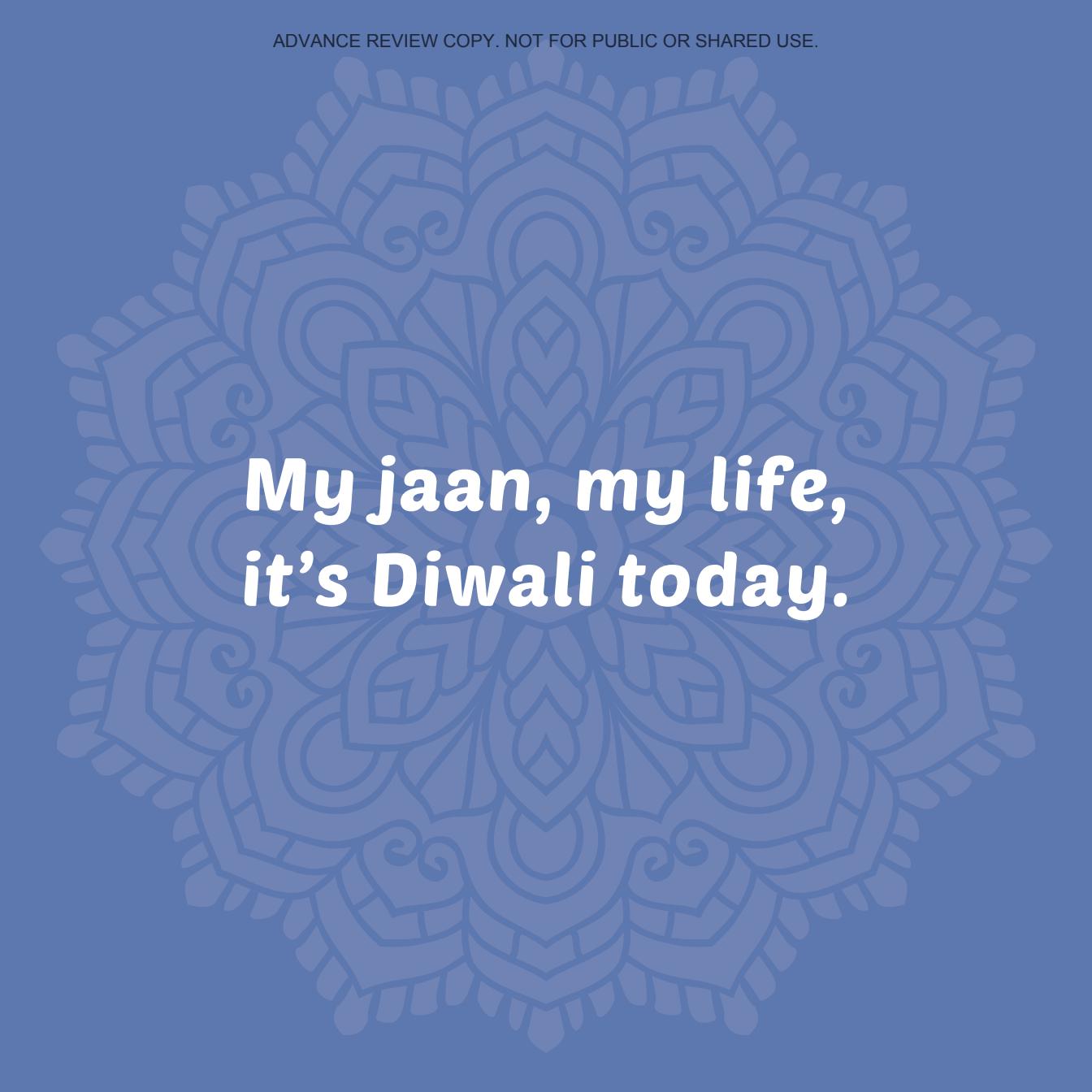


DIWALI
LIGHTS

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**My jaan, my life,
it's Diwali today.**







**Open your eyes
and greet the day.**



**Wear something new,
then off to market—
there's so much to see,
so much to do!**

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**Buy diyas, candles
and paper lanterns.**



**Henna for hands
and rangoli sand.**





**Boxes of sweets
and a silver trinket
just for you.**

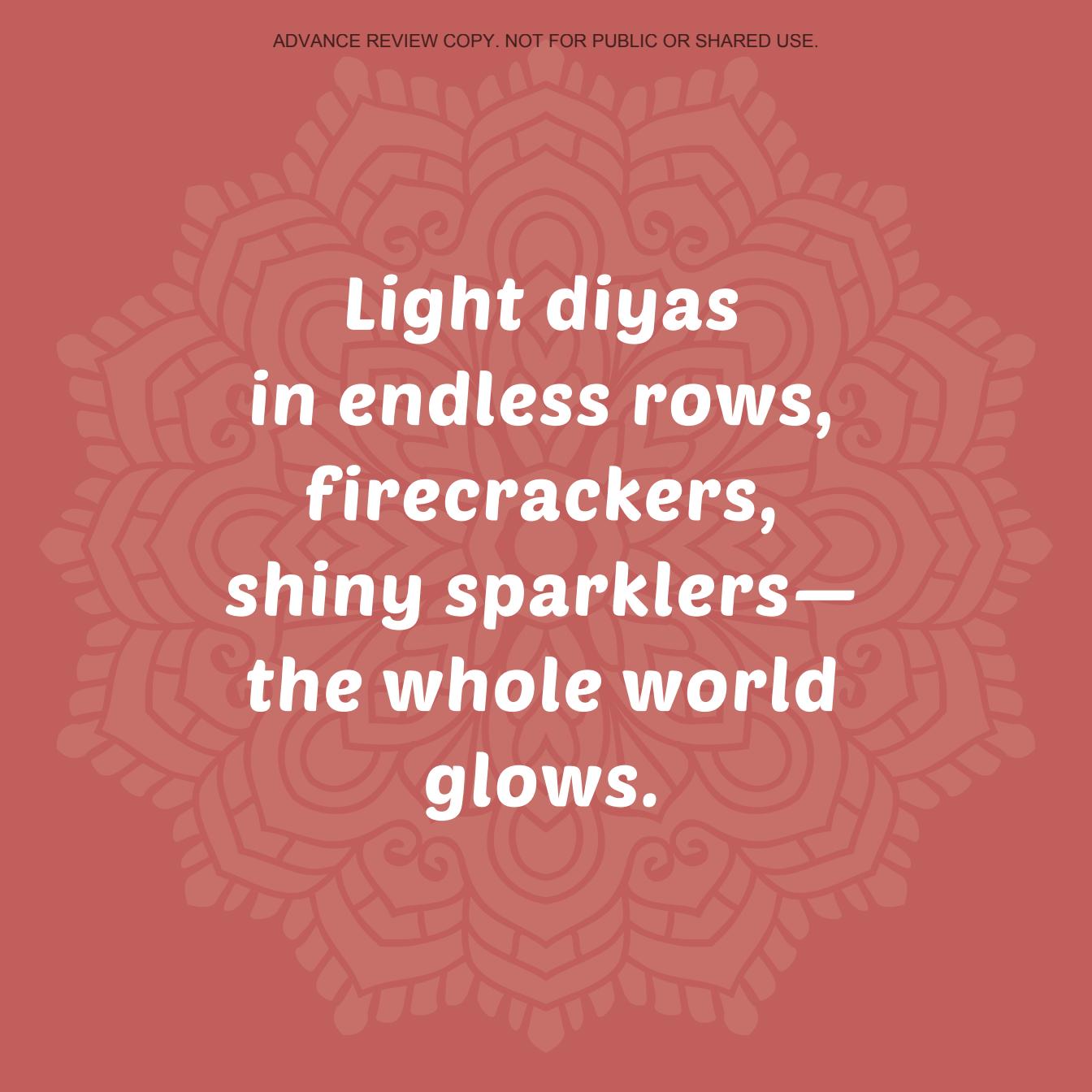


**Chant prayers
for peace and joy.
Gifts to open,
treats to enjoy.**



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**Light diyas
in endless rows,
firecrackers,
shiny sparklers—
the whole world
glows.**



**Look! Look up high-
shooting stars drop
rainbow kisses
from the sky.**

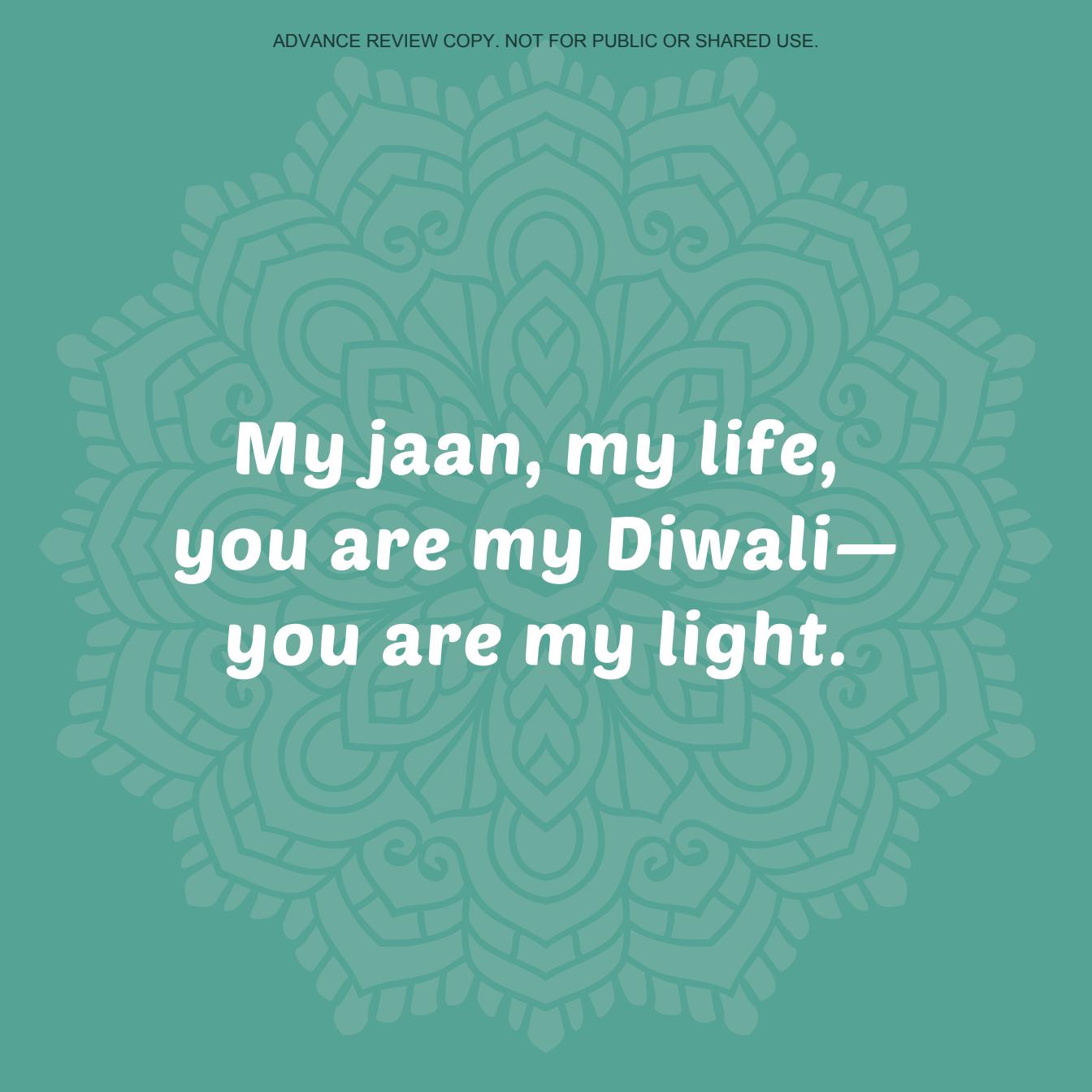
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**Close your eyes,
say good night.**



**My jaan, my life,
you are my Diwali—
you are my light.**

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Diwali

Every year in October or November, most Indians come together to celebrate Diwali. It is the biggest and the brightest of all Indian festivals. There are many stories of Diwali, and they all celebrate the victory of good over evil and light over darkness. Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, is a central figure of the festival.

People celebrate this *festival of lights* by lighting clay lamps and candles, sharing sweets, exchanging gifts, offering prayers to gods and goddesses, and watching festive fireworks.

Diwali is a time of great joy.

Happy Diwali!

For Angad, my light —R.S.

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