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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!**











**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.**

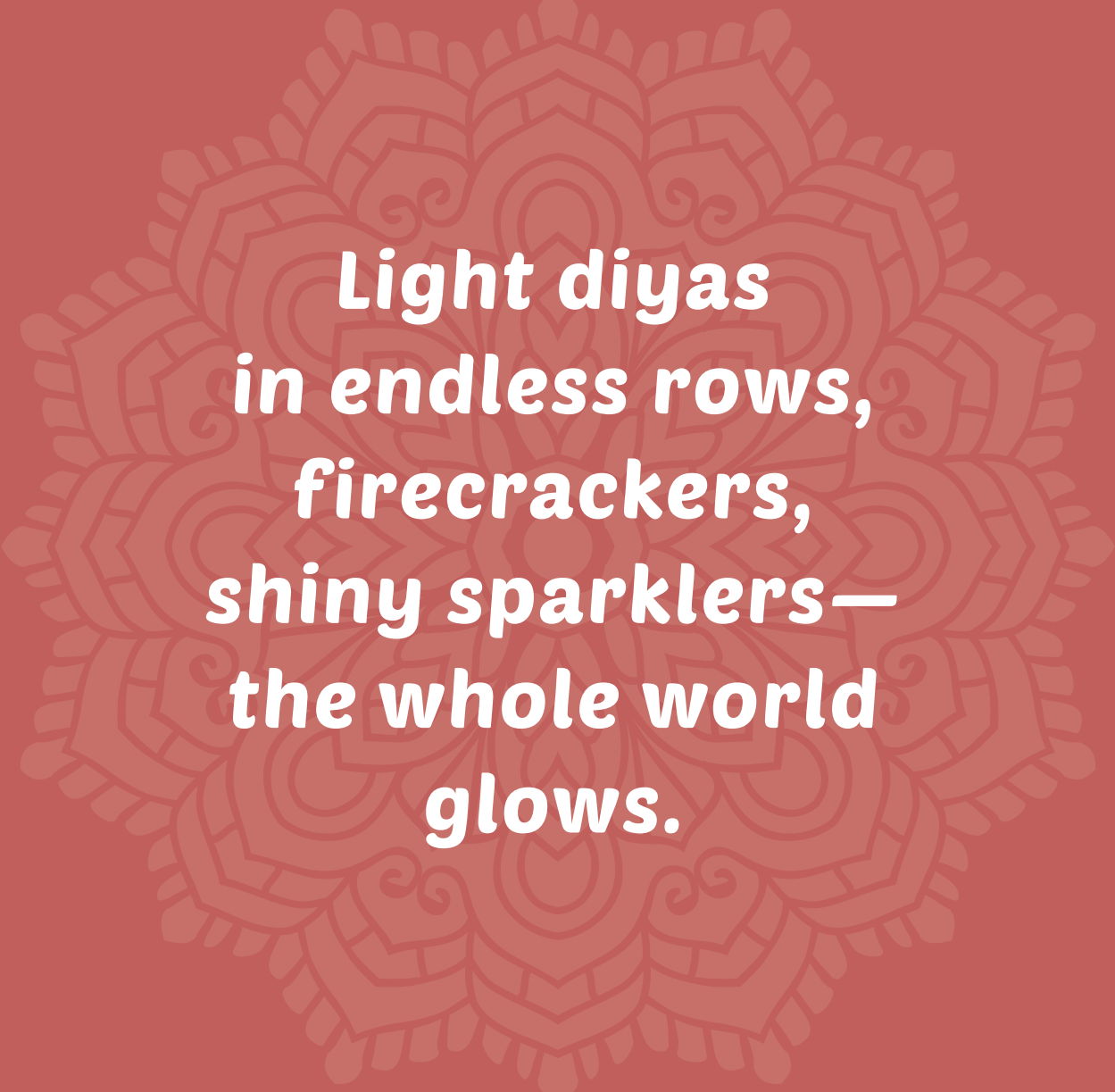













**Light diyas  
in endless rows,  
firecrackers,  
shiny sparklers—  
the whole world  
glows.**



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



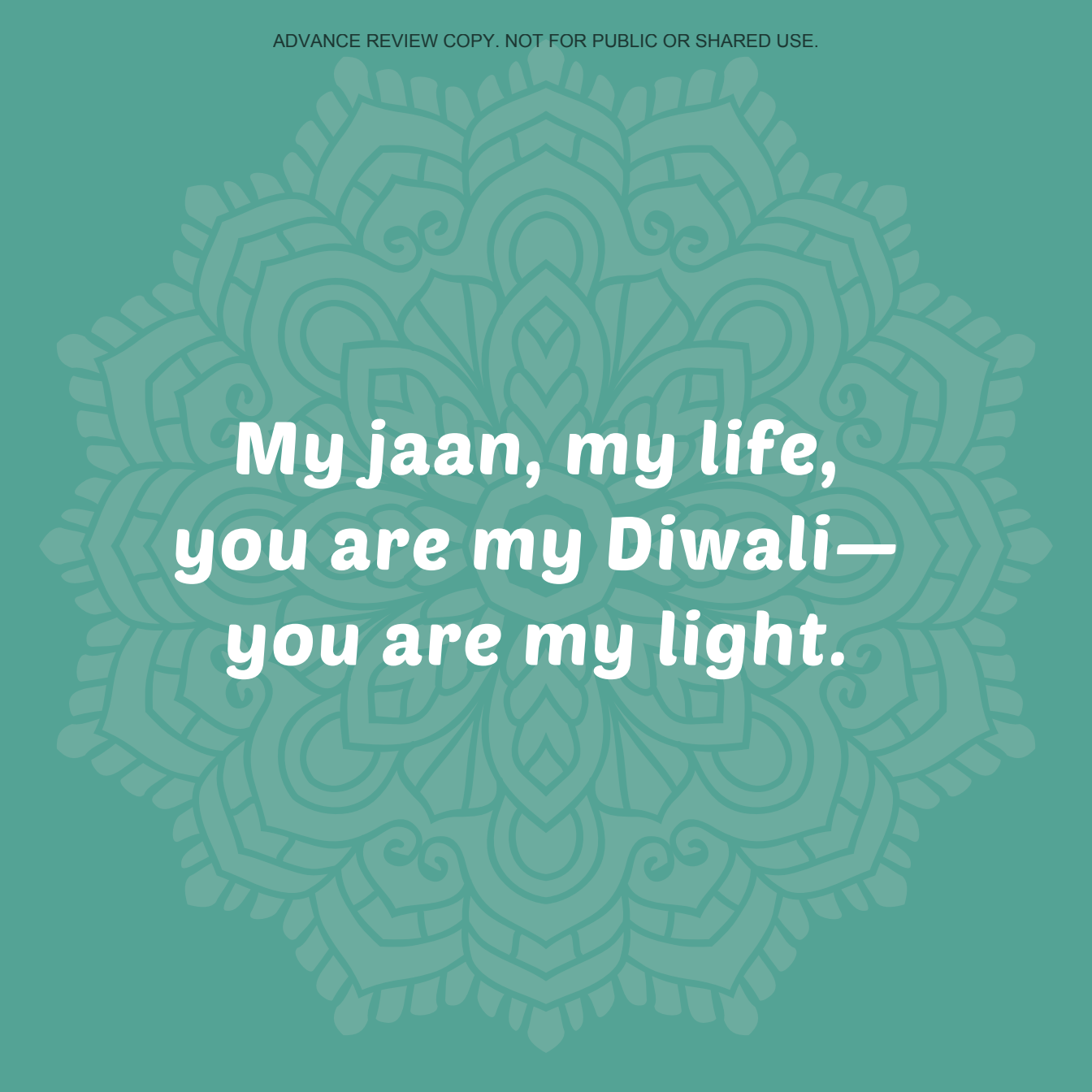






**Close your eyes,  
say good night.**





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



# 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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