

## Lakshman :

Lakshman by Toru Dutt is a poem on Hindu mythological theme. The subject matter of the poem is taken from the Ramayana.

The poem begins with the conversation between Sita and Lakshman. Rama had gone to hunt a deer, that Sita demanded it to bring. Actually it was not a deer but a form of Maricha. To take revenge on Rama, for his sister's insult, Ravana had planned this. Maricha cries in the similar voice of Rama. "oh Sita, oh Lakshman". Sita hears the cry and requests Lakshman to go and save his brother. Sita thinks that her husband is terribly hurt by enemies and that is why he is making terrible cries.

Lakshman has many arguments favoring Rama but she does not listen to any. She becomes angry and scolds him for his inaction. Lakshman speaks highly of Rama's courage and asks her to not fear. He tells her that demons, ghosts, and gods are equally afraid of his might. This can not be his cry. It is certainly a plan of foe. But Sita blames him on different grounds, including cowardice. She tells him of having malice of in him. He has something different in his mind. He himself wants to remove his brother so that he can take away his wife and Kingdom. She insults him.

Lakshman is unable to bear it any longer. He asks her to hear him before he goes. He says that she has misunderstood him. He also says that in her grief she has also forgotten her decorum. He says if he goes away he would break his brother's order. Moreover he does not consider him as the brother only, but as the chief. It is a crime to disobey. To follow it be faithfully is his sole responsibility. yet he is ready to break the rule for her.

lake and tells her he would be responsible in such a case for any ill fortunate. Before he goes he draws the rule for her lake and tells her he would be a magi magic circle on the ground him by his arrow, asking her not to go beyond it. He clears her of all blame and invokes a blessing on her. He departs and is confident of speedy return of himself and of his brother.