

“Where the mind is without fear  
and the head is held high,  
where knowledge is free.

Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls.

Where words come out from the depth of truth,  
where tireless striving stretches its arms toward perfection.

Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way  
into the dreary desert sand of dead habit.

Where the mind is led forward by thee  
into ever widening thought and action.

In to that heaven of freedom, my father,

LET MY COUNTRY AWAKE!”

— Nobel Prize Winner Rabindranath Tagore, *Gitanjali*

It has been, both, my passion and challenge to absorb the wonderful flavors and aromas I grew up with, and share those favorite recipes that are the very essence of Indian cooking.

To portray – through the art of cooking – the culmination of more than 4,000 years of culinary traditions while preserving the identity and soul of each dish, is my goal and purpose.

*Curry Sultan* is more than an experience; it is a sincere invitation to explore India’s rich and diverse territory through its culinary traditions. It would indeed take us a hundred lives to sample all of the delights and decipher the mysterious enigmas that are wrapped in every dish in each of the regions of India.

In my travels, I have observed that traditional Indian cuisine is truly unique in its conventions -- it is probably the only one in the world where there is no concept of consuming dishes at different times. All items are served at once on the table, and a little bit of each dish is served on a main plate typically accompanied with rice and bread to produce a veritable explosion of flavors and textures. Typically, one tears a piece of bread and uses it as a spoon, to scoop the main dish or mix it with rice. To finish, a handful of *saunf* (sugar coated fennel) seeds is taken to aid in digestion.

It is indeed a blessing – nay, my good fortune! – to embark on this delightful adventure in a wonderful city where my family is growing. Where the warmth of its people, the tilt of its landscapes and its glorious history, encourage me to serve your table in the Lone Star State.

To my family, to my guests and all of you who make *Curry Sultan* what it is, this I promise: an unforgettable experience, a true confluence of aromas and flavors that bring joy and pleasure in the first bite, in the last bite.

And to make this encounter a pleasant and lasting experience.