Dedicated to
Sri Sasi Bhusan Patnaik,
Sri Biranchi Narayan Patnaik.

How happy you would have been, seeing your grand daughter submitting this thesis to-day, had you been alive!

But you are still very much alive, inside my heart and memory. Alive and full of life, as you both had been, when I was growing up in your lap, learning my first alphabets; A B C ..........

May your souls bless me and may they guide me throughout the rest of my life as it has been for so long.

This, O great souls, I pray to you from the deepest core of my heart.