

His Divine Grace Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣaka Śrīdhara Deva Goswāmī Mahārāja

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Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: _____ [?]

Śrīla Govinda Mahārāja: (Leads *bhajans*)

[Śrī Rādhikā-stava (from *Stava-mālā*), by Śrīla Rūpa Goswāmī]

*rādhe jaya jaya mādharma-dayite, gokula-taruṇī-maṇḍala-mahīte.
dāmodara-rati-varadhana-veśe, hari-niṣkuṭa-vṛndā-vipineśe.
vṛṣabhānū dadhi-nava-śaśī lekhe, lalitā-sakhī guṇa-ramita-viśākhe.
karuṇām kuru mayi karuṇā-bharite, sanaka-sanātana-varṇita-carite.*

[“O Rādhe, Your transcendental love and beauty are so powerful and attractive that they captivate even the heart of Mādhava who is eternally self fulfilled and the unlimited source of all divine ecstasy and charm. By Your own natural excellence You are the most adorable of all young beautiful damsels of Gokula Maṇḍala, therefore Your glories remain ever unequalled.

O Rādhe, Your elegant countenance, decorated by coquettish moods and captivating dress, ever increase the love ecstasy of Your beloved Dāmodara. Manifesting such unique loveliness, You forever remain the beloved queen of the beautiful forest groves of Hari, who is expert in stealing away Your heart by creating an irresistible love attraction.

O Rādhe, from the ocean of Vṛṣabhānu, You have risen like a full moon of exquisite beauty that ever delights the heart of Mādhava.

O Rādhe, You are very fond of Lalitā and Viśākhā who stand out amongst all other damsels of Gokula, due to their charming beauty and expertise in *prema sevā*. They are also deeply captivated and overwhelmed by Your super excellent qualities which enchant Kṛṣṇa, the divine monarch of all loving mellows and so they accept You, with all adoration as their beloved Goddess and exclusive shelter of life.

O Rādhe, Your transcendental glories are described with unending joy by the exalted saints like Sanaka Ṛṣi and Your intimate servitor Śrīla Sanātana Goswāmī. O magnanimous Goddess! Your heart is full of compassion, therefore please bestow Your mercy upon me.”]

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[Śrī Rādhāṣṭaka, 2, from *Gītāvalī* by Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura]

[1] *birajāṅ pāre śuddha-parabyoma-dhām, tad upari śrī-gokula-bṛndāraṇya nām*

[2] *bṛndābana cintāmaṇi, cid-ānanda-ratna-khani, cinmoy apūrva-darasan
tahi mājhe camatkār, kṛṣṇa banaspati sār, nīla-maṇi tamāla jemon*

[3] *tāhe ek swarṇa-mayī, latā sarba-dhām-jayī, uṭhiyāche parama-pābanī
hlādinī-śaktir sār, ‘mahābhāva’ nām jā, tribhuvana-mohana-mohinī*

[4] *rādhā-nāme paricita, tuṣiyā gobinda-cita, birājaye parama ānande
sei latā-patra-ful, lalitādi sakhī-kul, sabe mili’ bṛkhe dṛḍha bāndhe*

[5] *latār paraśe prafulla tamāl, latā chāri’ nāhi rahe kono kāl*

[6] *tamāla chariya latā nāhi bāce, se lata milan sada-kala jace*

[7] *bhaktivinoda milan dōhār, nā cāhe kakhona binā kichu ā*

[1] Beyond the Virajā River lies the pure spiritual sky, or the Vaikuṅṭha world, and above that Vaikuṅṭha realm lies the divine abode known as Goloka Vṛndāvana.

[2] The land of Vṛndāvana is made of spiritual gems and is therefore likened to a mine of fully cognizant and beautiful jewels. This transcendental realm is certainly a wonderful and extraordinary sight. Within that abode, where everything is fully conscious, resides Lord Kṛṣṇa, who is compared to a charming *tamāla* tree (which is considered to be the best of trees and possesses colour like that of a sapphire).

[3] Upon that blackish tree has appeared a beautiful golden creeper. Her name is Mahābhāva, due to being the essence of the pleasure-giving *hlādinī* potency. She is the conqueror of all realms, the supreme purifier, and the enchantress of Śrī Kṛṣṇa, who is Himself the enchanter of all the worlds.

[4] She is also known as Rādhā, whose friends, headed by Lalitā, are compared to Her leaves and flowers. The creeper, meeting with all Her friends, firmly embraces that blackish tree named Govinda, and having satisfied His heart, remains there in great ecstasy.

[5] At the touch of the creeper, the *tamāla* tree blooms; but without Her embrace He can no longer exist.

[6] The creeper, without the company of that *tamāla* tree, is also unable to live. Therefore She always prays for Their meeting.

[7] Bhaktivinoda desires nothing else but the meeting of this divine couple, Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa.

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[Śrī Rādhāṣṭaka, 3, from *Gītāvalī* by Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura]

[1] *ramaṇī-śiromaṇi, bṛṣabhānu-nandinī, nīla-basana-paridhānā
chinna-puraṭa jini’, barṇa-bikāśinī, baddha-kabarī hari-prāṇā*

[2] *ābharaṇa-maṇḍitā, hari-rasa-paṇḍitā, tilaka-suśobhita-bhālā
kañculikācchāditā, stana-maṇi-maṇḍitā, kajjala-nayanī rasālā*

[3] *sakala tyajiyā se rādhā-caraṇe, dāsī ho'ye bhaja parama-jatane*

[4] *saundarja-kiraṇa dekhiyā jāhār, rati-gaurī-līlā garva-parihār*

[5] *śacī-lakṣmī-satyā saubhāgya bolane, parājita hoy jāhāra caraṇe*

[6] *kṛṣṇa-baśīkāre candrāvalī-ādi, parājay māne hoiyā bibādī*

[7] *hari-dayita rādhā-caraṇa prayāsī, bhaktivinoda śrī-godruma-bāsī*

[1] Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is the crest jewel of all the young women. She is the beloved daughter of King Vṛṣabhānu and is very fond of wearing blue coloured garments. Her very pleasing complexion conquers the beauty of cut gold, Her locks of hair are nicely arranged, and She is the life and soul of Lord Kṛṣṇa.

[2] Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, who is very learned in the science of *rāsa*, is artfully adorned with jewels, nicely decorated with *tilaka*, and covered with a beautiful corset. Her breasts are adorned with valuable gems, and Her eyes are anointed with black collyrium. Thus She appears as sweetness personified.

[3] Give up everything and become a maidservant at the lotus feet of Rādhārāṇī. Just worship Her and serve Her with great care and attention.

[4] Beholding Her effulgent rays of beauty, Rati, Gaurī, and Līlā abandon all their pride.

[5] At Her feet the good fortune of Śacī, Lakṣmī and Satyā is defeated.

[6] The *gopīs*, led by Candrāvalī, are all staunch competitors of Rādhārāṇī for Kṛṣṇa's favour. Yet they all accept their defeat by Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, for She alone controls Kṛṣṇa.

[7] Ṭhākura Bhaktivinoda, a resident of Godruma, always endeavours for the lotus feet of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, the most beloved of Lord Hari.

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[Śrī Rādhāṣṭaka, 1, from *Gītāvalī* by Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura]

[1] *rādhikā-caraṇa-padma, sakala śreyera sadma, jatane je nāhi ārādhilo
rādhā-padmāṅkita dhāma, brndābana jār nāma, tāhā je nā āśroy korilo*

[2] *rādhikā-bhāva-gambhīr, citta jebā mahādhīra, gaṇa-saṅga nā koilo jīvane
kemone se śyāmānanda, rasa-sindhu-snānānanda, labhibe bujhoha eka-mane*

[3] *rādhikā ujjvala-raser ācārya, rādhā-mādhava-śuddha-prema vicārya*

[4] *je dharilo rādhā-pada parama jatane, se pailo kṛṣṇa-pada amūlya-ratane*

[5] *rādhā-pada vinā kabhu kṛṣṇa nāhi mile, rādhār dāsīr kṛṣṇa sarva-vede bole*

[6] *choḍata dhana-jana, kalatra-suta-mita, choḍata karama geyān
rādhā-pada-pankaja, madhurata sevana, bhaktivinoda paramān*

[1] He who has failed to carefully worship the lotus feet of Śrīmatī Rādhikā, which are the abode of all auspiciousness; he who has not taken shelter in the transcendental abode known as Vṛndāvana, which is decorated with the beautiful lotus flower named Rādhā...

[2] ...who in this life has not associated with the devotees of Rādhikā, who are very wise and whose devotion for Rādhā is very deep-how will such a person ever experience the bliss of bathing in the ocean of Lord Śyāma's sublime mellows? Please understand this most attentively.

[3] Śrīmatī Rādhikā is the exemplary teacher of the brilliant mellows of conjugal love. This pure love between Rādhā and Mādhava is worthy of discussion and contemplation.

[4] He who cherishes the lotus feet of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī with great care obtains the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa, which are like priceless jewels.

[5] Without taking shelter of the lotus feet of Rādhā, one can never meet Kṛṣṇa. The Vedic scriptures declare that Kṛṣṇa is the property of the maidservants of Śrī Rādhā.

[6] Having abandoned wealth, followers, wife, sons, and friends, and having given up materialistic activities and speculative knowledge, one should become absorbed in the sweetness of service to the lotus feet of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. This is Bhaktivinoda's solemn declaration.]

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[*Rādhākuṇḍataṭa-kuñjakuṭīra*, from *Śaraṇāgati* by Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura]

*rādhākuṇḍataṭa-kuñjakuṭīra, govardhanaparvvata yāmunatīra
kusumasarovara, mānasagaṅgā, kalindanandinī vipula-taraṅgā
vaṁśīvaṭa, gokula, dhīrasamīra, vṛndāvana-taru latikā-vānīra
khaga-mṛgakula, malaya-bātāsa, mayura, bhramara, muralī-vilāsa
veṇu, śṛṅga, padacihna, meghamālā, vasanta, śaśāṅka, śaṅkha karatālā
yugala vilāse anukūla jāni, līlāvilāsa-uddīpaka māni
esaba choḍata kāhā nāhi yāu, esaba choḍata parāṇa hārāu
bhaktivinoda kahe, śuna kāṇa, tuyā uddīpaka hāmārā parāṇa*

["The grove-dwelling on the banks of Rādhā-kuṇḍa,

Govardhana mountain, the banks of river Yamunā;
 Kusuma-Sarovara lake, Mānasa-Gaṅgā River,
 The rolling waves of Yamunā, daughter of the sun;
 Place of the rāsa dance, and Gokula, the gentle breezes,
 The trees, vines, and Vetasa palms of Vraja;
 The birds and animals, the sweet air of spring,
 The peacocks, bumblebees, the flute's sweet song;
 Flute, horn, His footsteps, range of clouds in the sky,
 Season of spring, the moon, the conch, hand-cymbals;
 I know all these things are nourishing
 the pastimes of the Divine Couple,
 I can feel they arouse the holy pastimes of the Lord;
 I can never leave all these things so dear to me,
 Without them I know I shall surely die;
 Hear me, O Kāna, says Śrī Bhaktivinoda:
 You are the only light of my life."]

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[Śrī Rādhāṣṭaka, 8, from *Gītāvalī* by Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura]

*rādhā-bhajane yadi mati nāhi bhelā, kṛṣṇa-bhajana tava akāraṇa gelā.
 ātapa-rahita sūray nāhi jāni, rādhā-virahita mādharma pūjaye sa ajñānī.
 kavāhi nāhi karavi tākar saṅga, citte icchasi yadi vraja-rasa-rāṅga.
 rādhikā-dāsī yadi haya abhimān, śīghra-i mila-i tava gokula-kān.
 brahmā śiva nārada śruti nārāyaṇī, rādhikā-pada-raja pūjaye māni.'
 umā ramā satyā śacī candrā rukmiṇī, rādhā-avatār sabe āmnāya-vaṇī.
 heno rādhā-paricaryā yākara dhana, bhaktivinoda tā'r māgaye caraṇa.*

"If your desire to worship Śrī Rādhā is not awakened,
 worship of Kṛṣṇa is ultimately useless.

Just as the sun is not perceived without sunlight,
 similarly I cannot accept Mādhava without Śrī Rādhikā.

One who worships Kṛṣṇa alone has imperfect knowledge and
 one who disrespects Śrī Rādhikā, is simply conceited and full of vanity.

Never associate with such a person if you at all desire the
 transcendently delightful pastimes of Vraja, to appear within you heart.

If you consider yourself to be a maidservant of Śrī Rādhikā,
 then you will very soon meet Kāna (Kṛṣṇa) the Lord of Gokula.

Even Lord Brahmā, Lord Śiva, Devārsi Nārada, the personified *Vedas* (*Srutis*)
 and Lakṣmī-Devī honour and worship the dust of Śrī Rādhikā's lotus feet.

The Vedic scriptures (*āmnāya*) declare that Umā, Ramā, Satyā, Śacī,
 Candrā and Rukmiṇī are all the expansions of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī.

Bhaktivinoda whose only wealth is the service of Śrī Rādhā Ṭhākuraṇī
 humbly begs the shelter of Her lotus feet."

(The Songs Of Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura, p 129-131)

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[*Bhakti-pratikūla-bhāva Varjanāṅgikāra*, renunciation of conduct averse to pure devotion, song
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[From *Śaraṅāgati* by Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura]

āmi to' svānanda-sukhada-bāsī, rādhikā-mādhava-caraṇa-dāsī
duñhāra milane ānanda kori, duñhāra biyoge duḥkhetē mari
sakhī-sthalī nāhi heri nayane, dekhile śaibyāke paraye mane
je-je pratikūla candrāra sakhī, prāṇe duḥkha pāi tāhāre dekhi'
rādhikā-kuñja āndhāra kori, loite cāhe se rādhāra hari
śrī-rādhā-gobinda-milana-sukha, pratikūla-jana nā heri mukha
rādhā-pratikūla jateka jan, sambhāṣaṇe kabhu nā hoy mana
bhaktivinoda śrī-rādhā-caraṇe, sañpeche parāṇa atība jatane

[I am a resident of Svānanda-sukha-kuñja and a maidservant of the lotus feet of Rādhikā and Mādhava.

At the union of the Divine Couple I rejoice, and in Their separation I die in anguish.

I never look at the place where Candrāvalī and her friends stay. Whenever I see such a place it reminds me of Candrāvalī's *gopī* friend Śaibyā.

I feel pain in my heart when I catch sight of Candrāvalī's girl-friends, for they are opposed to Rādhā.

Candrāvalī wants to take away Rādhā's Lord Hari, thus covering the grove of Rādhikā with the darkness of gloom.

I never look at the faces of those who are opposed to Śrī Rādhā and Govinda's joyous union.

Nor do I find any pleasure in conversing with those who are opposed to Rādhā.

Bhaktivinoda has enthusiastically entrusted his soul to the lotus feet of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī.]

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om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmilitam yena, tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

["I was blind in the darkness of ignorance but my Spiritual Master applied the ointment of proper spiritual knowledge and thus opened my eyes. Unto him I offer my respectful obeisances."]

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nāma-śreṣṭham manum api śacī-putram atra svarūpaṁ
rūpaṁ tasyāgrajam uru-purīm māthurīm goṣṭavāṭīm
rādhā-kuṇḍaṁ giri-varam aho rādhikā-mādhavāsām
prāpto yasya prathita-kṛpayā śrī guruṁ taṁ nato 'smi

[Śrīla Raghunātha Dāsa Goswāmī prays: "I only aspire after one thing. I cherish the hope that one day I may be welcomed into the plane where Rādhikā and Mādhava are in Their glory, sitting and playing."]

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*vāñchā-kalpatarubhyaś ca kṛpā-sindhubhya eva ca
patitānām pāvanebhyo vaiṣṇavebhyo namo namaḥ*

[I offer my respectful obeisances unto all the Vaiṣṇava devotees of the Lord. They are just like desire trees who can fulfil the desires of everyone, and they are full of compassion for the fallen conditioned souls.]

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*namo mahā-vadānyāya kṛṣṇa-prema-pradāya te
kṛṣṇaya kṛṣṇa-caitanya-nāmne gaura-tviṣe namaḥ*

["I offer *praṇāma* unto Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, who is Kṛṣṇa Himself. He has assumed the golden hue of Śrīmatī Rādhikā and is munificently distributing Kṛṣṇa *prema*."]]

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*dīvyad vṛndāraṇya kalpa-drumādhaḥ, śrīmad-ratnāgāra-simhāsana-sthau
śrī śrī-rādhā-śrīla-govinda-devau, preṣṭhālībhiḥ sevyamānau smarāmi*

["I constantly meditate upon that Divine Couple Śrī Śrī Gandharvā-Govinda, who are seated upon a wonderful throne highly decorated with brilliant jewels. They are sitting within the illustrious forest of Vraja, beneath a mind attracting desire tree, accompanied by Their dedicated servitors such as Śrī Rūpa Mañjarī, Lalitā Devī, and other intimate servants like the *priyanarma sakhīs*."]]

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*radhavan namaste dinam dante yar te punat puna [?]
srimad rupa padam bhoja suji dui syam janme jan [?]*

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*śrī caitanya mano'bhīṣṭam, stāpitham yena bhūtale
svayam rūpa kadā mahyam, dadāti sva-pandāntikam*

[Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura said: "O when will Śrīla Rūpa Goswāmī, who has firmly established in this world, the pure devotional teachings and principles of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and thus fulfilled His cherished desires, ever bless me with eternal shelter of his lotus feet?"]]

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*mukam karoti vācālaṁ panghum langhāyate girīm
yat kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande śrī gurun dīna-tāranam*

["I offer my respectful obeisances unto Mādhava, Who is the Personification of transcendental bliss. By His mercy, a blind man can see the stars in the sky, a lame man can cross mountains, and a dumb man can speak eloquent words of poetry."]] [*Bhavārtha Dipikā, maṅgala stotram, 1*]

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[Bengali (?) and śloka _____?]

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