

ŚRĪ NĀMĀMṚTA

Śrī-gaurahari Sohi Goṣṭha-bihārī

This song is sung while the temple Deities are taking Their meal. After Kṛṣṇa has enjoyed it, this specially prepared foodstuff is known as prasādam, or the mercy of the Lord, and the remnants are distributed to all present. The song which follows is sung during the āratī or offering ceremony, which is performed immediately after the Deities have taken Their meal. Various commodities are offered to the Lord for His pleasure, such as glowing camphor, a ghee lamp, water in a conchshell, a fragrant flower, etc. This is performed to the joyful accompaniment of instruments, singing and dancing. As the song suggests, all the people of the world are invited to partake in this nice ceremony, which can be seen daily in Kṛṣṇa consciousness temples.

bhaja bhakata-vatsala śrī-gaurahari

śrī-gaurahari sohi goṣṭha-bihārī

nanda-jaśomatī-citta-hari

Just worship Śrī Gaurahari, who is always affectionate toward His devotees. He is the same Supreme Godhead, Kṛṣṇa, who sported in the cowherd pastures of Vraja and stole the hearts of Nanda and Yaśodā.

belā ho'lo dāmodara āisa ekhano

bhoga-mandire bosī' koraho bhojana

Mother Yaśodā calls to Kṛṣṇa, "My dear Dāmodara, it is very late. Please come right now, sit down in the dining hall, and take Your lunch."

nandera nideśe baise giri-bara-dhārī

baladeva-saha sakhā baise sari sari

On the direction of Nanda Mahārāja, Kṛṣṇa, the holder of Govardhana Hill, sits down, and then all the cowherd boys, along with Kṛṣṇa's elder brother, Śrī Baladeva, sit down in rows to take their lunch.

śuktā-śākādi bhaji nālitā kuṣmāṇḍa

dāli dālnā dugdha-tumbī dadhi mocā-khaṇḍa

They are then served a feast of śuktā and various kinds of green leafy vegetables, then nice fried things, and a salad made of the green leaves of the jute plant. They are also served pumpkin, baskets of fruit, small square cakes made of lentils and cooked-down milk, then thick yogurt, squash cooked in milk, and vegetable preparations made from the flower of the banana tree.

luci cini sarpurī laḍḍu rasābalī

bhojana korena kṛṣṇa ho'ye kutūhalī

There are purīs made with white flour and sugar; purīs filled with cream; laḍḍus; and dahl patties boiled in sugared rice. Kṛṣṇa eagerly eats all of the food.

rādhikāra pakka anna vividha byañjana

parama ānande kṛṣṇa korena bhojana

In great ecstasy and joy Kṛṣṇa eats the rice, curried vegetables, sweets, and pastries cooked by Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī.

bhojanānte piye kṛṣṇa subāsita bari

sabe mukha prakhāloy ho'ye sari sari

After lunch, Kṛṣṇa drinks rose-scented water. Then all of the boys, standing in lines, wash their mouths.

bhaja govinda govinda gopāla

gīridhārī gopīnātha nanda dulāla

Worship Govinda, the cowerd boy, the lifter of Govardhana Hill, the Lord of the gopīs, the darling of Nanda Mahārāja.

Gopīnātha

(from Kalyāṇa-kalpataru) Selected Verses

*gopīnāth, mama nivedana śuno
viṣayī durjana, sadā kāma-rata,
kichu nāhi mora guṇa*

O Gopīnātha, Lord of the gopīs, please hear my request. I am a wicked materialist, always addicted to worldly desires, and no good qualities do I possess.

*gopīnāth, āmāra bharasā tumi
tomāra caraṇe, loinu śaraṇa,
tomāra kiṅkora āmi*

O Gopīnātha, You are my only hope, and therefore I have taken shelter at Your lotus feet. I am now Your eternal servant.

*gopīnāth, kemone śodhibe more
na jāni bhakati, karme jaḍa-mati,
porechi soṁsāra-ghore*

O Gopīnātha, how will You purify me? I do not know what devotion is, and my materialistic mind is absorbed in fruitive work. I have fallen into this dark and perilous worldly existence.

*gopīnāth, sakali tomāra māyā
nāhi mama bala, jñāna sunirmala,
swādīna nahe e kaya*

O Gopīnātha, everything here is Your illusory energy. I have no strength or transcendental knowledge, and this body of mine is not independent and free from the control of material nature.

gopīnāth, niyata caraṇe sthāna
māge e pāmara, kāndiyā kāndiyā,
korohe karuṇā dana

O Gopīnātha, this sinner, who is weeping and weeping, begs for an eternal place at Your divine feet. Please give him Your mercy.

gopīnāth, ghucāo saṁsāra jwālā
avidyā-jātanā, aro nāhi sahe,
janama-maraṇa-mālā

O Gopīnātha, please remove the torment of worldly existence. I can no longer tolerate the pain of ignorance and the repeated succession of births and deaths.

gopīnāth, mana je pāgala mora
na mane śāsana, sadā acetana,
viṣaye ro 'yeche ghora

O Gopīnātha, my mind is crazy and does not care for any authority. It is always senseless and has remained in the dark pit of worldly affairs.

gopīnāth, kemone hoibe gati
prabala indriya, bośī-bhūta mana,
na chāre viṣaya-rati

O Gopīnātha, how shall I make any advancement when my mind has come under the control of the powerful senses and does not abandon its attachment to materialism?

Bhaktivinoda Your humble servant.

Śrī Guru-vandanā

The Worship of Śrī Guru(from Prema-bhakti-candrikā)

*śrī-guru-caraṇa-padma, kevala-bhakati-sadma,
bando mui sāvadhāna mate
jahāra prasāde bhāi, e bhava toriyā jai,
kṛṣṇa-prāpti hoy jāhā ha'te*

1) The lotus feet of our spiritual master are the only way by which we can attain pure devotional service. I bow to his lotus feet with great awe and reverence. By his grace one can cross the ocean of material suffering and obtain the mercy of Kṛṣṇa.

*guru-mukha-padma-vākya, cittete koriyā aikya,
ar na koriho mane asa
śrī-guru-caraṇe rati, ei se uttama-gati,
je prasāde pure sarva asa*

2) My only wish is to have my consciousness purified by the words emanating from his lotus mouth. Attachment to his lotus feet is the perfection that fulfills all desires.

*cakhu-dān dilo jei, janme janme prabhu sei,
divya jñān hṛde prokāśito
prema-bhakti jāhā hoite, avidyā vināśa jate,*

vede gay jahāra carito

3) He opens my darkened eyes and fills my heart with transcendental knowledge. He is my Lord birth after birth. From him ecstatic prema emanates; by him ignorance is destroyed. The Vedic scriptures sing of his character.

śrī-guru karuṇā-sindhu, adhama janāra bandhu,

lokanāth lokera jīvana

ha ha prabhu koro doyā, deho more pada-chāyā,

ebe jasa ghuṣuk tribhuvana

4) Our spiritual master is the ocean of mercy, the friend of the poor, and the lord and master of the devotees. O master! Be merciful unto me. Give me the shade of your lotus feet. Your fame is spread all over the three worlds.

Śrīla Prabhupāda was very fond of this song and sang it just before his lectures. In Allahabad and Gorakhpur Śrīla Prabhupāda fell into a trance after singing the first two lines, and after some time he came back into external consciousness and said, "Now just chant Hare Kṛṣṇa." Śrīla Prabhupāda said that this song is "a picture of Vṛndāvana. Everything is there-Srimati Rādhārāṇī, Vṛndāvana, Govardhana, Yaśodā, and all the cowherd boys."

Śrī Nāma-kīrtana 1

Chanting of the Holy Names (from Gītāvalī)

yaśomatī-nandana, braja-baro-nāgara,

gokula-rañjana kaṇa

gopī-parāṇa-dhana, madana-manohara,

kāliya-damana-vidhāna

1) Lord Kṛṣṇa is the beloved son of mother Yaśodā; the transcendental lover in the land of Vraja; the delight of Gokula; Kaṇa [a nickname of Kṛṣṇa]; the wealth of the lives of the gopīs. He steals the mind of even Cupid and punishes the Kāliya serpent.

amala harinām amiya-vilāsā

vipina-purandara, navīna nāgara-bora,

baṁśī-badana suvāsā

2) These pure, holy names of Lord Hari are full of sweet, nectarean pastimes. Kṛṣṇa is the Lord of the twelve forests of Vraja, He is ever-youthful and is the best of lovers. He is always playing on a flute, and He is an excellent dresser.

braja-jana-pālana, asura-kula-nāśana

nanda-godhana-rākhawālā

govinda mādharma, navanīta-taskara,

sundara nanda-gopālā

3) Kṛṣṇa is the protector of the inhabitants of Vraja; the destroyer of various demoniac dynasties; the keeper and tender of Nanda Mahārāja's cows; the giver of pleasure to the cows, land, and spiritual senses; the husband of the goddess of fortune; the butter thief; and the beautiful cowherd boy of Nanda Mahārāja.

yāmuna-taṭa-cara, gopī-basana-hara,

rāsa-rasika, kṛpāmoya

śrī-rādhā-vallabha, bṛndābana-naṭabara,

bhaktivinod-āśraya

4) Kṛṣṇa wanders along the banks of the River Yamunā. He stole the garments of the young damsels of Vraja who were bathing there. He delights in the mellows of the rasa dance; He is very merciful; the lover

and beloved of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī; the great dancer of Vṛndāvana; and the shelter and only refuge of Ṭhākura Bhaktivinoda.

Śrī Nāma-kīrtana 5

(1)

(hare) haraye namaḥ kṛṣṇa yādavāya namaḥ

yādavāya mādhavāya keśavāya namaḥ

gopāla govinda ram sri-madhusudan

rādhā-govinda bolo (4 times)

1) I offer my respectful obeisances unto Hari, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Kṛṣṇa, the descendant of the Yadu dynasty, husband of the goddess of fortune and the killer of the demon Keśī, the protector of the cows, the pleaser of the cows, the supreme enjoyer, and the slayer of the demon Madhu. Chant the holy names "Rādhā-Govinda!"

(2)

govinda govinda govinda bolo

rādhā-govinda bolo (4 times)

guru-kṛpā jale nasi' visaya-anala

rādhā-govinda bolo (4 times)

2) Chant "Govinda! Govinda! Govinda!" Chant "Rādhā-Govinda!" Now that the waters of the spiritual master's mercy have extinguished the blazing fire of worldly existence, chant "Rādhā-Govinda!"

(3)

kṛṣṇaete arpiya deha-gehadi sakal

rādhā-govinda bolo (4 times)

ananya-bhavete citta koriyā saral

rādhā-govinda bolo (4 times)

3) Offering body, home, family and all to Śrī Kṛṣṇa, chant "Rādhā-Govinda!" In a mood of unalloyed determination, becoming simple and straightforward in your heart, chant "Rādhā-Govinda!"

(4)

rūpānuga vaiṣṇavera piyā pada-jal

rādhā-govinda bolo (4 times)

dāsa aparādha tyaji' bhukti-mukti-phal

rādhā-govinda bolo (4 times)

4) Drinking the water that has washed the feet of a Vaiṣṇava who follows in the footsteps of Śrīla Rūpa Goswami, chant "Rādhā-Govinda!" Giving up the ten offenses to the holy name, as well as the alluring fruits of material enjoyment and liberation, chant "Rādhā-Govinda!"

(5)

sakhīra caraṇa-reṇu koriyā sambal

rādhā-govinda bolo (4 times)

swarupete braja-base hoiyā sital

rādhā-govinda bolo (4 times)

5) Making the dust from the feet of a gopī your only means of support, chant "Rādhā-Govinda!" Feeling relieved by living in Vraja in your eternal spiritual form, chant "Rādhā-Govinda!"