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Sri Prema-bhakti-candrikā

Introduction

Text 1

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya
jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitam yena
tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.*

Text 2

*śrī-caitanya-mano 'bhistam
sthāpitam yena bhūtale
svayaṁ rūpaḥ kadā mahyaṁ
dadāti sva-padāntikam*

When will Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī Prabhupāda, who has established within this material world the mission to fulfill the desire of Lord Caitanya, give me shelter under his lotus feet?*

Text 3

*akhila-rasāmṛta-mūrtiḥ
prasṛmara-ruci-ruddha-tārakā-pāliḥ
kalita-śyāmā-lalito
rādhā-preyaṅ vidhur jayati*

Let Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, be glorified! By virtue of His expanding attractive features, He subjugated the gopīs named Tārakā and Pāli and absorbed Syāmā and Lalitā. He is the most attractive lover of Srimatī Radharāṇī and is the reservoir of pleasure for all devotional mellows.*

Song 1

Text 1

*śrī-guru-carana-padma,kebala-bhakati-sadma,
bando mui sābadhāna mate
jāhāra prasāde bhāi, ei bhava toriy ā jāi,*

kṛṣṇa-prāpti hoy jāhā ha'te

To the lotus feet of my spiritual master, which are the abode of pure devotional service. I who am very fallen bow down with great care and attention in my heart. O brother, crossing the realm of repeated birth and death by his mercy, we will attain Kṛṣṇa.

Text 2

*guru-mukha-padma-bākya, cittete koriba aikya,
ār nā koriho mane āśā
śrī-guru-carāṇe rati, ei sei uttama-gati,
je prasāde pūre sarba āśā*

I will make the words from my spiritual master's lotus mouth one with my heart. I do not want the desire for any other thing to stay in my heart. Love for the spiritual master's lotus feet is the highest goal. By his mercy all desires are fulfilled.

Text 3

*cakhu-dān dilo jei, janme janme prabhu sei,
dībya-jñān hṛde prokāśito
prema-bhakti jāhā hoite, abidyā bināśa jāte,
bede gāy jāhāra carito*

He who gave me eyes to see is my lord, birth after birth. He made divine knowledge shine in my heart. From him has come prema-bhakti, which destroys ignorance. The Vedic scriptures sing of his character.

Text 4

*śrī-guru karuṇā-sindhu, adhama janāra bandhu,
lokanāth lokera jībana
hā hā prabhu koro doyā, deho more pada-chāyā,
ebe jaśa ghuśuk tribhuvana*

O spiritual master, O ocean of mercy, O friend of the fallen, O Lokanatha, O life of the world, O master, be merciful to me. Give me the shade of your feet. May your glories be proclaimed in the three worlds.

Text 5

*baiṣṇava-carāṇa-reṇubhūṣaṇa kariyā tanu
jāha haite anubhāba haya
marjjana haya bhajanasadhu-saṅge anukṣaṇa
ajñāna-abidyā-parajaya*

By making the dust of the Vaiṣṇavas' feet the ornament of my body, ecstatic love comes. Washing the Vaiṣṇava's lotus feet is my method of worship. By

always associating with the Vaiṣṇavas, I shall overcome the darkness of ignorance.

Text 6

*jaya sanātana rūpaprema-bhakti-rasa-kūpa
jugala-ujjwala-rasa-tanu
jānhāra prasāde lokapaśarila saba śoka
parakatala kalpa-taru janu*

O Śrīla Sanātana Gosvāmī and Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī, who are two deep wells of the nectar of pure love, two personifications of the splendid nectar of the Divine Couple, and two desire trees by whose mercy the entire world is free from suffering, all glories to you!

Text 7

*prema-bhakti-rīti jātanija-granthe su-byākata
kariyāchena dui mahāśaya
jāhāra śrabāṇa haiteparānanda haya cite
jugala-madhura-rasāśraya*

In your books you two great souls clearly described prema-bhakti. You are reservoirs of the sweet nectar of the Divine Couple. Hearing about you brings bliss to the heart.

Text 8

*jugala-kīśora-premajini' lakṣa bāṇa hema
hena dhana prakāśila jāṅra
jaya rūpa sanātanadeha' more sei dhana
sei ratana mora gela hāra*

You are fabulously wealthy, possessing ecstatic love for the youthful Divine Couple, a love more precious than gold purified in ten thousand flames. O Rūpa and Sanātana Gosvāmī, all glories to you! I beg you, please give me in charity some of these jewel necklaces.

Text 9

*bhāgabata-śāstra-marmanaba-bidha bhakti-dharma
sadāi kariba su-sebana
anya-devāśraya nāitomāre kahinu bhāi
ei bhakti parama-bhajana*

I shall eternally engage in the nine-fold process of devotional service, which is the essential message of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, and I shall not worship the demigods. O brother, I say to you: Devotional service is the most exalted kind of worship.

Text 10

*sādhū-sāstra-guru-bākyacittete kariyā aikya
satata bhāsiba prema-majhe
karmī jñānī bhakti-hīnaihare karibe bhina
narottama ei tattva gaje*

Making the words of the guru, sadhus, and śāstras one with my heart, I constantly float and swim in the ocean of pure love. I am different from the karmīs and jñānīs, who have no devotion for Kṛṣṇa. Narottama speaks the truth.

Song 2

Invocation

śrīmad-rūpa-gosvāmi-prabhupādenoktam’-

*anyābhilāṣitā-sūnyam
jñāna-karmādy-anāvṛtam
ānukūleyna kṛṣṇānu-
śīlanam bhaktir uttamā*

Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī Prabhupāda has said (Bhakti-rasāmṛta-sindhu 1.1.11):

"Uttamā bhakti, or unalloyed devotion unto the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Kṛṣṇa, involves the rendering of devotional service in a way that is favorable to the Lord. This devotional service should be free from any extraneous motive and devoid of fruitive karma, impersonal jñāna and all other selfish desires."*

Text 1

*anya-abhilāṣa chādi'jñāna karma parihāri'
kāya mane kariba bhajana
sādhū-saṅge kṛṣṇa-sebāna pujiba devī-deva
ei bhakti parama-kāraṇa*

Rejecting all other desires, and abandoning philosophical speculation and fruitive work, in the company of the devotees I will worship and serve Lord Kṛṣṇa with my body and mind. I will not worship the demigods and demigoddesses. Devotional service is reason for my life.

Text 2

*mahājanera jei pathatate habe anurata
pūrbāpara kariyā bicāra
sādhana-smaraṇa-lilāihāte na kara helā
kāya mane kariyā susāra*

Devotedly follow the path of the great devotees in the past. Properly using your body and mind, don't neglect either the regulative devotional practices or the remembrance of the Lord's pastimes.

Text 3

*asat-saṅga sāda tyāgachāḍa anya gīta-rāga
karmī jñānī parihāri' dūre
kebala bhakata-saṅgaprema-kathā-rasa-raṅga
līlā-kathā braja-rasa-pūre*

Always reject the company of the impious. Give up attraction to non-devotional songs. Leave the karmis and jñanis far away. Only associate with the devotees. Take pleasure in hearing the nectar descriptions of pure love for Kṛṣṇa. Become flooded by the nectar of the narrations of the Lord's pastimes in Vraja.

Text 4

*jogī nyāsī karmī jñānīanya-debatā-pūjaka dhyānī
ihā-loke dūre parihāri'
karma dharma duḥkha śokajeba thāke anya joga
chāḍi' bhaja giribara-dhārī*

Putting the yogīs, svāmīs, karmis, jnani's, demigod-worshippers, and meditators far away, and rejecting the torments that are fruitive work, ordinary religion, and the other yogas, worship Lord Giridhari.

Text 5

*tīrtha-jātrā pariśramakebala manera bhrama
sarba-siddhi gobinda-carāṇa
dṛḍha-bīśwāsa hṛde dhārī'mada-matsarja parihāri'
sadā kara ananya bhajana*

The struggle to travel to various holy pilgrimage places is simply the mind's mistake, because to make spiritual advancement all one actually needs is the lotus feet of Lord Govinda. Abandoning pride and envy, and with firm faith in your heart, always worship Lord Govinda without deviation.

Text 6

*kṛṣṇa-bhakta saṅga kari'kṛṣṇa-bhakta aṅga heri'
śraddhānbīta śrabāṇa-kīrtana
arcana bandana dhyānanaba-bhakti mahā-jñāna
ei bhakti parama-kāraṇa*

See the devotees of Lord Kṛṣṇa, associate with the devotees of Lord Kṛṣṇa. Faithfully engage in the nine-fold process of devotional service, which includes

hearing about the Lord, chanting His glories, worshiping Him, offering obeisances to Him, and remembering Him. Following these activities enlightens the devotees with spiritual knowledge.

Text 7

*hṛṣīke gobinda-sebāna pūjiba devī-deva
ei tā' ananya-bhakti-kathā
āra jāta upalambhabhīṣeṣa sakali dambha
dekhite lagaye mane byathā*

I shall use these senses to serve Lord Govinda, and I shall decline to worship the various demigods and demigoddesses. I shall only speak about pure devotional service. The numberless different philosophies and conceptions of life are all products of the conditioned soul's pride. Trying to understand them brings no real benefit but only a pain within the mind.

Text 8

*dehe baise ripu-gaṇajateka indriya-gaṇa
keha kara badhya nāhi haya
śunile na śuna kanajanile na jāne prāṇa
dṛḍhāite na pare niścaya*

The insubordinate senses are like enemies that live within the body. Tell the ear to hear and it may rebel, refusing to hear. Tell the mind to understand a particular point, or become firm in a certain way, and it may very well disobey.

Text 9

*kāma krodha moha lobhamada matsarja dambha-saha
sthāne sthāne nijukta kariba
ānanda kari' hṛdayaripu kari/ parajaya
anāyase gobinda bhajiba*

I shall fight with lust, anger, bewilderment, greed, madness, envy and pride. Defeating them, I will become blissful at heart, and I will easily become able to worship Lord Govinda.

Text 10

*kāma kṛṣṇa-karmārpaṇekrodha bhakta-dweśis-jāne
lobha sādhu-saṅge hari-kathā
moha iṣṭa-lablha-binemada kṛṣṇa-guṇa-gāne
nijukta kariba jathā tathā*

Lust I will engage in offering the fruits of my work to Lord Kṛṣṇa. Anger I will direct towards the enemies of the devotees. Greed I will engage by being greedy to hear the topics of Lord Hari in the association of the saintly devotees. Bewilderment will be manifested because I cannot immediately attain my

worshipable Lord. Madness will be there when I madly glorify the transcendental attributes of Lord Kṛṣṇa. In this way I will engage each of these in the service of Lord Kṛṣṇa.

Text 11

*anyathā swatantra kāmānṛthādi jāra dhāma
bhakti-patha sadā deya bhaṅga
kibā bā karite parekāma-krodha sadhākere
jadi haya sādhu-janara saṅga*

If lust is not controlled, then it becomes the breeding ground for a host of vices and checks one's advancement on the path of devotional service. However, if one stays in the association of the saintly devotees, then that association will carry him beyond the influence of lust, anger, and their friends.

Text 12

*krodha bā na kare kibākrodha-tyāga sadā diba
lobha moha ei ta' kathana
chāya ripu sadā hīnakariba manera adhīna
kṛṣṇacandra kariyā smaraṇa*

I shall not become angry. I shall renounce anger. I shall become free from my six enemies, such as greed and bewilderment. I shall control my mind, and always remember Lord Kṛṣṇacandra.

Text 13

*āpani palabe sabaśuniya gobinda raba
simha-raba jena kari-gaṇa
sakala vipatti jābe mahānanda sukha pābe
jāra haya ekānta bhajana*

When lust and his friends hear the word "Govinda" they immediately begin to flee, as a herd of elephants flees when it hears a lion's roar. If one engages in single-pointed devotional service to Lord Kṛṣṇa, then the worshiper attains transcendental bliss, and all kinds of calamities flee from him.

Text 14

*na kariha asat-ceṣṭālābha pūjā pratiṣṭhā
sadā cinta' gobinda-caraṇa
sakala santapa jābeparānanda sukha pābe
prema-bhakti parama-kāraṇa*

Don't sin. Take no interest in profit, adoration, and distinction. Instead meditate on the lotus feet of Lord Govinda. In this way all sufferings will go far away, and transcendental bliss and pure love for Lord Kṛṣṇa will spontaneously

come.

Text 15

*asat-sanga kutinātichāḍa anya paripāti
anya debe na hariha rati
āpana āpana sthānepirīti sabai tāne
bhakti-pathe padaye bigati*

Give up the association of the impious non-devotees. Give up the tendency to find fault in others. Don't follow any spiritual path other than devotional service. Don't worship the demigods. If one takes to the worship of the demigods, he becomes deviated from the path of devotional service.

Text 16

*āpana bhajana-panthatāha habe anurata
iṣṭa-deva-sthāne-līlā-gāṇe
naiṣṭhika bhajana eitomāre kahila bhāi
hanumān tāhāte pramāṇa*

O brother, please become attached to your worshipable Lord alone. Serve Him without deviation and sing the glories of His pastimes. I will now quote the words of Hanumān, who demonstrates this exclusive devotion to one's worshipable Deity. Hanumān said:

Text 17

*śrīnathe jānakī-nāthe
abhedah paramātmani
tathāpi mama sarvasvaṁ
rāmaḥ kamala-locanaḥ*

Although He is not different from Lord Narayaṇa, lotus-eyed Lord Rama alone is the be-all and end-all of my life.

Text 18

*devaloka pitṛlokapāya tāra mahā-sukha
sādhu sādhu bale anukṣaṇa
jugala bhajaye jarapremānande bhāse tāra
tāṇdera nichani tri-bhubana*

If one attains the planets of the demigods or Pitās and enjoys celestial happiness there, then I congratulate him, saying: well done, well done. However, I myself would never strive to attain such a thing. For myself I am content simply to worship the Divine Couple and swim and float in the bliss of pure love for Them. This pure love is the most valuable object in the three worlds.

Text 19

*pr̥thak āyāsa-jogeduḥkhamaya-biṣaya-bhoge
braje bāsa gobinda-sebana
kṛṣṇa-kathā kṛṣṇa-nāmasatya-satya rasa-dhāma
braja-jane-saṅge anukṣaṇa*

Although I have taken great trouble to try to enjoy the miserable sense-gratification available in this world, I shall now give it up. I shall now reside in Vraja, serve Lord Govinda, hear and chant the topics of Lord Kṛṣṇa, chant the holy names of Lord Kṛṣṇa, and at every moment relish the transcendental mellows of devotional service in the association of the residents of Vraja.

Text 20

*sadā sebā-abhilāṣamanete kari' biśwāsa
sadā-kāla haiya nirbhaya
narottama dāsa bolepadinu asat-bhole
paritrāṇa kara mahāśaya*

I shall always aspire to serve the Lord, and great faith in the Lord will become manifested in my mind. In this way I shall remain always fearless in all situations. Narottama dāsa says: Somehow or other I have accepted the role of a non-devotee. O my master, O great soul, please deliver me.

Song 3

Text 1

*tumi tā' dayāra sindhuadhama-janera bandhu
more prabhu kara abadhana
padinu asat-bholekāma-timingile gile
ohe nātha kara paritrāṇa*

O Lord, You are an ocean of mercy. You are the friend of the fallen souls. Please notice me. I have become like a non-devotee, swallowed by the timingila fish of lust. O Lord, please protect me.

Text 2

*javat janama moraaparādhe hainu bhora
niṣkapate na bhajinu tomā
tathāpi ha tumi gatna chāḍiha prāṇa-pati
mora sama nāhika adhama*

In every birth I repeatedly offended You. In every birth I failed to worship You sincerely. No one is as fallen as I. Nevertheless, You are the only goal of my life. O Lord of my life, please do not abandon me.

Text 3

*patita-pābana nāmaghoṣaṇa tomāra śyāma
upekḥile nāhi mora gati
jadi hāṇa aparādhātathāpiha tumi gati
satya satya jena satyīra pati*

O Lord, You are known as Patita-pāvana, the deliverer of the fallen, and You are also known as Syamasundara. Please do not ignore my appeal. Even if I am an offender, I think that You are the real goal of life. That is the truth.

Text 4

*tumi ta' parama debanahi more upekḥiba
śuna śuna prāṇera īśwara
jadi karoṇa aparādhātathāpiha tumi nātha
sebā diyā kara anucāra*

O Supreme Personality of Godhead, please do not neglect me. O master of my life, please hear my words. Even if I have committed offenses to You, I always think of You as my master. Please allow me to serve You as Your associate and follower.

Text 5

*kāme mora hata citanāhi jane nija hita
manera na ghuce durbasana
more nātha aṅgikurutumi bāñchā-kalpa-taru
karuṇā dekhuka sarba-jana*

Lust has destroyed my mind. I do not know what is actually beneficial for me. O Lord, You glance mercifully on all living entities and You are like a desire tree fulfilling the desires of everyone. Please accept me as Your servant.

Text 6

*mo-samā patita nāitribhubane dekhā cāi
narottama-pābana nāma dhāra
ghuṣuka saṁsare nāmapatita-uddhāra śyāma
nija-dāsa kara giridhāra*

O Lord, You will not see anyone in these three planetary systems who is as fallen as I. O Lord, please accept the name Narottama-pāvana" (the Deliverer of Narottama), and let that name be broadcast throughout the material world. O Lord Syamasundara, O lifter of Govardhana Hill, O Deliverer of the fallen, please accept me as Your servant.

Text 7

*narottama baḍa duḥkhinātha more kara sukhī
tomāra bhajana saṅkirtane
antarāya nāhi jayaei sei parama bhaya
nibedana kari anukṣaṇa*

Narottama dasa is very unhappy. O Lord, please engage him in Your saṅkīrtana movement and thus make him happy. O Lord, I am very afraid that I will not be able to overcome the many obstacles that stop me from advancing in devotional service. O Lord, at every moment I beg You to remove all those obstacles.

Song 4

Text 1

*āna kathā āna byathānāhi jena jāi tathā
tomāra caraṇa smṛti-majhe
abirata abhikālatuyā guṇa kala-kala
gāi jena satera samāje*

O Lord, I do not perform the painful activity of talking about anything other than You, but instead I only talk and think about Your lotus feet. O Lord, I constantly and without deviation glorify Your transcendental attributes in the assembly of devotees.

Text 2

*anya-brata anya-dānanahi karoṇ bastu-jñāna
anya-sebā anya-deba-pūjā
hā hā kṛṣṇa bali balibedara ānanda kari'
mane āra nāhe jena duja*

I shall not perform any vows not related to You. I shall not give in charity except as a service to You. I shall not acquire knowledge except to serve You. I shall not worship the demigods. I shall not serve anyone except You. I shall blissfully wander about repeatedly calling out: O Kṛṣṇa! O Kṛṣṇa!" No one but You will stay in my mind.

Text 3

*jībane maraṇe gatiṛādhā-kṛṣṇa prāṇa-pati
donhāra pirīti-rasa-sukhe
jugala bhajaye jāṅrapremānande bhāse tāṅra
ei kathā rahu mora būke*

During the life of this body and after its death, Sri Sri Radha-Kṛṣṇa will always remain my goal, and the two master's of my life's breath. I worship the Divine Couple and I swim and float in the nectarean ocean of love for Them. I pray that the description of Their forms, qualities, and pastimes may always remain

within my heart.

Text 4

*jugala-carāṇa-sebāei dāna more diba
jugalete manera pirīti
jugala-kiśora-rūpakāma-rati-guṇa-bhūpa
mane bahu o' līlā-pirīti*

Please give me the service of the lotus feet of the Divine Couple. Please give this charity to me. My mind is filled with love for the Divine Couple, whose youthful forms are like the beautiful forms of King Kamadeva and his queen Rati.

Text 5

*daśanete tṛṇa kari'hā hā kiśora-kiśorī
caraṇābje nibedana kari
braja-rāja-suta śyāmabṛṣabhānu-sutā nāma
śrī-radhikā-nāma manoharī*

I place a straw between my teeth, and place the following appeal before the lotus feet of the Divine Couple; O Sri Sri Kiśora-Kiśorī, O Lord Syāmasundara, O price of Vraja, O beautiful girl named Sri Rādhikā, O daughter of Mahārāja Vṛṣabhānu,

Text 6

*kanaka-ketakī rāiśyāma marakata tāya
kandarpa-darapa karu cura
nata-bara-śiromaninatinīra śikhariṇī
duñhu-guṇe duñhun-mana jhura*

O Srimatī Radharāṇī, as beautiful as a golden ketakī flower, O Lord Syamasundara, as splendid as a blue sapphire, O Lords whose transcendental glory crushes Kamadeva's pride into fine powder, O two crest-jewels of all expert dancers, please allow my mind to remain rapt in thinking of Your transcendental qualities.

Text 7

*ābharāṇa maṇimayaprati aṅge abhinaya
tachu paye narottama kahe
diba niśi guṇa gāṇaparama ānanda pāṇa
mane ei abhilāṣa haya*

O Lords whose limbs are decorated with many jewel ornaments, Narottama dāsa approaches Your lotus feet and says: My Lords, I wish that I may attain transcendental bliss by singing the glories of Your transcendental qualities both

day and night. That is my mind's desire.

Song 5

Text 1

*rāgera bhajana-pathakahi ebe abhimata
loka-beda-sāra ei bāñī
sakhīra anuga hāṇabraje siddha-deha pāṇa
ei bhābe juḍabe parāñi*

I shall now describe the path of spontaneous love for Kṛṣṇa, which is glorified by the exalted devotees and the Vedic literatures. By traversing this path of spontaneous love one becomes a follower of the gopīs and attains the perfect spiritual body of a liberated soul.

Text 2 and 3

*śrī-rādhikāra sakhī jātātāha ba kahiba kata
mukhya sakhī kariye gaṇana
lalitā biśākhā tathāsucitrā campakalatā
raṅgadevī sudevī kathana

tungabidyā indurekhāei aṣṭa-sakhī lekhā
ei kahi narma-sakhī gaṇa
ihoṇ sebā-shacārīpriya-preṣṭha nāma dhāri'
prema-sebā kare anukṣāṇa*

I shall now describe the most important of Srimatī Radharāñī's gopī-friends. Lalitā, Viśākhā, Sucitrā, Campakalatā, Raṅgadevī, Sudevī, Tuṅgavidyā, and Indulekhā, are the eight most important gopī-friends of Srimatī Radharāñī. Her other gopī-friends are divided into groups; the narma-sakhīs, priya-sakhīs, and preṣṭha-sakhīs. All these gopīs constantly render loving service to Srimatī Radharāñī.

Text 4

*śrī-rūpa-mañjarī āraśrī-rati-mañjarī sāra
lavaṅga-mañjarī mañjunālī
śrī-rasa-mañjarī-saṅgekastūrikā-ādi raṅge
prema-sebā kare kutuhali*

Sri Rūpa-mañjarī, Sri Rati-mañjarī, Lavaṅga-mañjarī, Manjunālī, and Sri Rasa-mañjarī eagerly and lovingly serve Srimatī Radharāñī, supplying her musk and various other articles.

Text 5

ei-sabara anuga hāṇaprema-sebā niba cāṇa

*ingite bhujiba saba kaje
rūpa guṇa dagamāgīsada haba anurāgī
basatī kariba sakhī majhe*

I am the follower of all these gopīs. I shall serve them with great love. I will completely understand their orders, even when couched in casual hints or gestures. I shall become immersed in wonder at their transcendental virtues and beauty, and I shall dearly love them. I shall always remain in their company.

Text 6

*bṛdābane du janacāri-dike cakhi-gaṇa
samayera sebā rasa-sukhe
sakhīra ingita habecāmara dhūlaba tabe
tambūla jogāba cāṇda-mukhe*

Immersed in the happiness of serving the Divine Couple surrounded by Their gopī-friends in Vṛndāvana, I will understand the gopīs' hints, and, taking up the camara wisk I will fan the Divine Couple, and after than I will place betel-nuts in Their moonlike mouths.

Text 7

*jugala-carāṇa sebinirantara ei bhābi
anurāge thākiba sadāya
sādhane bhābiba jāhasiddha-dehe pāba tāha
rāga pathera ei sei upāya*

Someday I will constantly serve the lotus feet of the Divine Couple with great love. At present I will follow the rules of sādhana-bhakti until I attain a perfected spiritual body and am able to love the Divine Couple spontaneously.

Text 8

*sādhane je dhana cāisiddha-dehe tāha pāi
pakwā pakwa mātra sei bicāra
pakile sei prema-bhaktiapakwe sādhana khyāti
bhakati-lakṣaṇa-anusāra*

That treasure of pure love of God for which I hanker while I follow the regulative practices of sādhana-bhakti, I will attain when I have the spiritual body of a liberated soul. Actually sādhana-bhakti and prema-bhakti are the same devotional service. Sādhana-bhakti is the stage where love for Kṛṣṇa has not fully ripened yet, and prema-bhakti is the same devotion where love of Kṛṣṇa has reached the mature, ripened stage. That is the description of devotional service.

Text 9

narottama dāsa kaheei jena mora haye

*braja-pure anurāge bāsa
sakhī-gaṇa-gaṇanateāmāre gaṇibe tate
tabahuṅ puriba abhilāṣa*

Narottama dāsa says: I hope that I may attain the stage of spontaneous love for the Divine Couple in the town of Vraja. I hope that I will be counted among the gopī-friends of the Divine Couple. O Divine Couple, in this way I will be able to serve You and satisfy all Your desires.

Text 10

*tathā hi'-
sakhīnām saṅginī-rūpam
ātmānam vāsanā-mayīm
ājñā-seva-parām tat-tat-
kṛpālāṅkāra-bhūṣitām*

The stage of prema-bhakti is described in the following statements of Vaiṣṇava literature:

One should meditate on one self as being the maidservant of the gopīs, and in this way one will attain their mercy."

Text 11

*kṛṣṇam smaran janam cāsya
preṣṭham nija-samīhitam
tat-tat-kathā-rataś cāsau
kuryād vāsam vraje sadā*

The devotee should always think of Kṛṣṇa within himself, and one should choose a very dear devotee who is a servitor of Kṛṣṇa in Vṛndāvana. One should constantly engage in topics about that servitor and his loving relationship to Kṛṣṇa, and one should live in Vṛndāvana. However, if one is physically unable to go to Vṛndāvana, he should mentally live there."

Song 6

Text 1

*jugala-carāṇa-pratiparama-ānanda tati
rati-prema hau para-bandhe
kṛṣṇa-nāma-rādhā-nāmaupasana rasa-dhāma
carāṇe pāḍiye parānande*

Love for the lotus feet of the Divine Couple is the resting place of transcendental bliss. Radha and Kṛṣṇa's holy names are the reservoir of transcendental sweetness. I happily fall down to offer my respectful obeisances to Radha and Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet.

Text 2

*manera smarāṇa prāṇamadhura madhura nāma
bilāsa jugala smṛti-sāra
sādhya sādhana eiāra nāi iha bāi
ei tattwa sarba-tattwa-sāra*

The Divine Couple's sweet, sweet holy name is life of the mind's memory. Their pastimes are the best remembering. Remembering Them is the both goal and the way to attain it. That is the truth of all truths. This book is not the only place that is said.

Text 3

*jalada-sundara-kāntimadhura madhura bhāti
baidagadhī-abadhi subeśa
su-pīta-basana-dharaābharaṇa maṇi-bara
mayura-candrika karu keśa*

Sri Kṛṣṇa is splendid like a monsoon cloud, very sweet and charming, expert, gracefully dressed in yellow garments, decorated with jewel ornaments, and crowned with a peacock feather placed in His hair.

Text 4

*mṛgmada su-candanakuṅkumādi bilepana
mugdha-kāri murati tri-bhaṅga
nabīna-kusumabaliśrī-āṅge śobhaye bhāli
madhu-lobhe phire matta bhṛṅga*

He is decorated with musk, sandal paste, kuṅkuma, and other fragrances. His three-fold bending form is sweet and charming. His transcendental body is decorated with garlands of flowers so fresh they draw swarms of maddened bumblebees eager for honey.

Text 5

*īṣat madhura-smitabaidagadhī-līlāmṛta
lubadhala braja-badhū-bṛnda
caraṇa-kamala-paramaṇimaya su-mañjīra
nakha-maṇi jini' bala-candra*

His gentle smile is sweet. He is expert at tasting the nectar of transcendental pastimes. He is surrounded by the amorous girls of Vraja. His lotus feet are decorated with jewel anklets. His toenails eclipse the glory of the crescent moon.

Text 6

nūpura-marala-dhwānikula-badhu-maraliṅī
śuniyā rahite nare ghare
hṛdaye barhaye ratijena mile pati satī
kulera dharama jara dūre

When they hear the warbling of the male swan that is Kṛṣṇa's anklets, the female swan gopis can no longer remain peacefully in their homes. Love for Him growing in their hearts, they run, leaving their household duties far behind, to meet Him, their lover.

Text 7

kṛṣṇa-mukha-dwija-rājesarala-bamśī-birāje
jara dhwāni bhubana mataya
śrabane patha diyāhṛdaye prabeśa hāṅa
prāṅa ādi ākarṣī ānaya

The music of the straight flute placed to Kṛṣṇa's lips enchants the world. Entering first the ear and then the heart, that music attracts all living beings

Text 8

gobinda-sebana satyatānhara sebaka nitya
bṛndābana-bhūmi tejomaya
tāhāte jamunā-jalakare nitya jhalamala
tāra tīre aṣṭa kuñja haya

Devotional service to Lord Govinda is eternal. They who serve Him are His servants eternally. The land of Vṛndāvana is glorious. There the Yamunā's water glitters eternally. Eight forests are on the Yamuna's shore.

Text 9

śītala-kiraṅa-karakalpa-taru-guṅa-dhāra
taru-latā ṣaḍ-ṛtu-sebā
pūrṅa-candra-sama jyotīcid-ānanda-maya mūrti
mahānanda-daraśana-lobha

Vṛndāvana is splendid with cooling moonlight and glorious with kalpa-vṛkṣa trees and kalpa-lata' vines blossoming in all six seasons. Full of transcendental bliss and glorious as the full moon, it makes everyone eager to see its blissful form.

Text 10

gobinda ānandadamayanikate banitā-caya
bihāre madhura ati śobha
duṅhu prema dagamāgiduṅhu doṅha anurāgī
duṅhu rūpa duṅhu manolobha

Surrounded by the gopis and very handsome and charming, Lord Govinda is full of transcendental bliss. The Divine Couple is beautiful, charming, and overcome with passionate love.

Text 11

*braja-pura-banitāracaraṇa āśraya sāra
kara mana ekaṅta kariyā
anya bola gaṇḍu-golanāhi śuna utarola
rākha prema hṛdaye bhāriyā*

O mind, take shelter of the lotus feet of the Vraja-gopīs. Don't listen to the useless din of the materialists' words. Fill my heart with pure love for the Divine Couple

Text 12

*kṛṣṇa prabhu eka-bāra karibena aṅgīkara
jena' mana e satya bacana
dhanya līlā bṛndābanarādhā-kṛṣṇa-śrī-carāṇa
dhanya sakhī mañjarīra gaṇa.*

O mind, just this one time accept Lord Kṛṣṇa as your supreme master. I tell you the truth. Sri Sri Radha and Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet are supremely glorious, Their pastimes are glorious, Their land of Vrajapura is glorious, and their friends, the sakhī-gopīs, and mañjarī-gopīs, are glorious.

Text 13

*pāpa-puṇya-maya dehasakala anitya eha
dhana jana saba micha dhanda
marile jaibe kothātāhāte na pāo byathā
tabu karja kara sadā manda*

This material body, which one attains because of his previous pious and impious deeds is temporary, and the foolish attempt by all conditioned souls to accumulate more and more wealth is a clever trick of the illusory potency maya. When the material body dies, what will happen to all the carefully collected wealth? Where will it go? O mind, don't work day and night with a great struggle simply to collect money. You are so foolish that you constantly work for such a fleeting goal.

Text 14

*rājāra je rājya-patajena natujara nata
dekhite dekhite kichu naya
hena māyā kare jeiparama īśwara sei
tāṅre mana sadā kara bhaya*

A monarch's kingdom is just like the dramatic performance of an actor: although one sees them, they are never actually real, but only a pretense arranged by the illusory energy *māyā*. O mind, don't pay attention to these false material things. Fix your mind always on the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Fear His displeasure. Don't be concerned with other things.

Text 15

*pāpe na kariha manaadhama sei pāpī-jana
tāre mana dure parihāri'
puṇyaje sukhera dhāmatara na laio nāma
puṇya mukti dui tyāga kari'*

O mind, don't sin. Stay far away from sinful persons. Don't work to attain material piety, the resting place of material happiness. Don't strive for the false liberation imagined by the impersonalists.

Text 16

*prema-bhakti-sudhā-nidhitāhe du/ba nirabadhi
āra jata kṣara nidhi prāya
nirantara sukha pābesakala santapa jābe
para-tattwa karile upāya*

Dive into the shoreless nectar ocean of pure love for Kṛṣṇa, larger than the largest salt-water ocean. If one swims in that nectar ocean of love for Kṛṣṇa, Lord Kṛṣṇa will make all his sufferings disappear, and he will attain endless transcendental bliss.

Text 17

*anyera paraśa jenanāhi haya kadācana
ihāte haibe sābadhana
rādhā-kṛṣṇa nāma gāṇaei se parama dhyāna
āra na kariha paramāṇa*

Take great care only to serve the Divine Couple, and don't let any other activity touch you. Know that the chanting of the holy names of Sri Sri Radha and Kṛṣṇa is the supreme spiritual meditation. Please don't try to raise any objections to this, or try to present evidence confirming any other view.

Text 18

*karmī jñanī michā-bhaktana hā'be taya anurakta
śuddha-bhajanete kara mana
braja-janera jei matatahe habe anugata
ei se parama tattwa-dhana*

O mind, please engage in pure devotional service, which cannot be followed

by the fruitive workers, speculative philosophers, or pseudo-devotees. Just accept that the opinion of the exalted devotees in Vraja is the perfect explanation of the Absolute Truth.

Text 19

*prārthanā kariba sadāsuddha-bhāve prema-kathā
nāma-mantre kariyā abheda
astika kariyā manabhaja raṅge śrī-caraṇe
granthi-pāpa habe pariccheda*

I shall continually offer prayers to the Divine Couple, and I shall describe the pure love of the Lord and His devotees. With my words I shall prove that the Supreme Lord is not different from the chanting of His holy names. O mind, have firm faith in Lord Kṛṣṇa, and worship the reddish soles of His lotus feet. Do this, and the karmic results of all your past sins will be smashed.

Text 20

*rādhā-kṛṣṇa-śrī-caraṇamatra paramārtha-dhana
sa-jatane hṛdayete lāo
dunhu nāma śuni' śuni'bhakta-mukhe puni puni
parama ānanda sukha-pāṇa*

O mind, please place in my heart Sri Sri Radha Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet, which are my only treasure. Again and again hear the holy names of the Divine Couple from the mouths of the devotees, and in this way attain transcendental bliss.

Text 21

*hema-gaura-tanu rāiankhi daraśana cāi
rodana karaye abhilāṣe
jaladhara dhāra dhāraṅga ati manohara
rūpete bhūbana parakāṣe*

Srimati Radharāṇī's transcendental form has the splendor of gold. Weeping, I pray to attain the glance of Her lotus eyes. Sri Kṛṣṇa's handsome form is splendid as a monsoon cloud. From it the entire material cosmos is manifested.

Text 22

*sakhī-gaṇa cāri-pāśesebā kare abhilāṣe
parama se śobha-sukha dhare
ei mane āśā moraaiche rase hāṇa bhora
narottama sadā-i bihāre*

I yearn to engage in devotional service with the gopis at my four sides. That service is my great happiness. Again and again Narottama says: This is the desire in my heart.

Song 7

Text 1

*rādhā-kṛṣṇa karoṇ dhyānaswapane na bala āna
prema binu ara nāhi cāṇa
jugala-kīśora-premajini' lakṣa-bāṇa hema
ārati-pirīti-rase dhāṇa*

Meditate on Sri Sri Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa. Don't desire anything else, even in your dreams. The treasure of love for the youthful Divine Couple is more valuable than gold purified in ten thousand flames.

Text 2

*jala binu jena mīnaduḥkha pāya ayu hīna
prema binu ei-mata bhakta
cataka jalada-gatie-mati ekānta-rati
jei jane sei anurakta*

As a fish without water suffers and dies, so a devotee perishes without love for the Divine Couple. As a cataka bird carefully follows the clouds, so a devotee loves the Divine Couple.

Text 3

*saroja-bhramara jenacakora-candrika tena
pati-brata strī-lokera pati
anyatra na cale manajena daridrera dhana
ei-mata prema-bhakti-rīti*

As a bumblebee yearns for lotus flowers, a cakora bird yearns for moonlight, a chaste wife yearns for her husband, and a pauper yearns for money, a devotee yearns to attain love for the Divine Couple.

Text 4

*biṣaya garala-mayanāhe māna sukha-caya
sei nā sukha duḥkha kari' māna
gobinda-biṣaya-rasasaṅga kara tāṅra dāsa
prema-bhakti satya kari' jāna'*

The happiness of the senses is full of poison. Pride does not bring happiness. These things do not bring happiness. They bring only pain. Taste the nectar of serving Lord Govinda. Associate with His devotees. Learn the truth of loving devotional service.

Text 5

*madhye madhye āche duṣṭadṛṣṭi kari' haya ruṣṭa
gunahi biguṇa kari' mane
gobinda-bimukha-janesphurti nāhe hena dhane
laukika kariyā saba jane*

The treasure of divine love does not present itself before the demons, whose turn their backs on Lord Govinda, become angry when they see the devotees, and think the devotees are ordinary people.

Text 6

*ajñāna abhāga jatanāhi laya sata-mata
ahaṅkāre na jane āpane
abhimānī bhakti-hīnajaga-majhe sei dīna
bṛthā tāra aśeṣa bhabanā*

These unfortunate fools cannot understand the truth. Proud, bewildered by false-ego, and empty of devotion for the Lord, they are the poorest and most wretched people in the world. All their thoughts are empty and without meaning.

Text 7

*āra saba parihāri'parama īśwara hari
sebā mana prema kari' āśā
eka braja-rāja-puragobinda rasika-bāra
karaha sadāi abhilāṣa*

O mind, renounce everything and desire only to love and serve the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Hari. Lord Govinda, the best of them who taste transcendental nectar, stays in King Nanda's house. Desire Him alone.

Text 8

*narottama dāsa kahesadā mora prāṇa dahe
hena bhakta-saṅga na pāiyā
abhāgyera nāhi oramichā-mohe hainu bhora
duḥkha rahe antare jāgiyā*

Narottama dāsa says; Because I cannot attain the association of devotees, my life is like a burning fire. No one is unfortunate as I. I am overcome by material illusion, and great pain is beginning to waken in my heart.

Song 8

Text 1

*bacanera agocarabṛndābana dhāma-bara
swaprakāṣa premānanda-ghana*

*jāhāte prakata sukhanāhi jara-mṛtyu-duḥkha
kṛṣṇa-līlā-rasa anukṣaṇa*

Vṛndāvana is beyond the descriptive power of words. It is the best of all holy places. It is self-manifest, filled with most intense transcendental bliss, free from the touch of the material miseries of old-age and death, and the place where Lord Kṛṣṇa eternally enjoys nectar pastimes.

Text 2

*rādhā-kṛṣṇa duṅhu premajini' lakṣa-bāṇa hema
doṅhara hillole rasa-sindhu
cakora nayana-prema kāma-rati kare dhyāna
pirīti sukhera duṅhu bandhu*

Radha and Kṛṣṇa's love is more glorious than gold purified in ten thousand flames. Radha and Kṛṣṇa make great waves in the ocean of nectar. The love in Their eyes is like a cakora bird. Kama and Rati meditate on Them. Their love and happiness are the closest of friends.

Text 3

*rādhikā preyasī-barabāma aṅge manohara
kanaka-keśara-kaṅti dhare
anurāga-rakta sārīnīla-patta manohārī
pratyāṅge bhūṣaṇa śobha kare*

Charming Srimati Radharāṇī, the best of the gopīs, stays on Lord Kṛṣṇa's left side, Her complexion the color of the filament of a golden flower, clothed in the garment of ecstatic love for Kṛṣṇa and a blue silk sārī, and Her limbs are beautiful with many ornaments.

Text 4

*karaye locana pāṅarūpa-līlā duṅhu prāṇa
ānande magana saha-cārī
beda-bidhi-agocararatana-bedira' para
seba niti kiśora-kiśorī*

Become Their gopi-companion. Make Them more dear than life. With your eyes drink the nectar of Their beauty and pastimes. Dive in an ocean of bliss. Always serve the youthful Divine Couple, who are seated on a jewel throne and beyond the rules of the Vedas.

Text 5

*durlabha janama hēnanāhi bhaja hari kena
ki lāgiyā māra bhāba bandhe
chāḍa anya kriyā karmanāhi dekha deba-dharma*

bhakti kara kṛṣṇa-pāda-dwandwa

Why don't you worship Lord Hari now that you have this rare human birth? If you don't worship Him, what do you think will be your fate after death? Give up all other duties. Don't worship the demigods. Serve Lord Kṛṣṇa's feet.

Text 6

*biṣaya biṣama-gatināhi bhaja braja-pati
śrī-nandanandana sukha-sāra
swarga āra apabaragasaṁsāre naraka-bhoga
sarba-nāsa janama-bikāra*

Do not worship Lord Nandanandana, the blissful master of Vraja, and the entire world around you will become filled with pain. Become attracted to higher material realms, the attainment of liberation, or the hellish pleasures of this sphere, and your valuable human birth will become spoiled.

Text 7

*dehe na kariha asthamanda rīte jama śasta
dukkhera samudre karma-gati
dekhiyā śuniyā bhaja sādhu-śāstra-mata yaja
jugala-caraṇe kara rati*

Do not put your trust in the material body. After death Yamaraja will punish you and your karma will push you into an ocean of pain. Now that you have heard and understood this, please follow the path of the saints and scriptures. Worship and love the feet of the youthful Divine Couple.

Text 8

*karma-kāṇḍa jñāna-kāṇḍakebala biṣera bhāṇḍa
amṛta baliyā jeba khāya
ānā joni sadā phirekadarja bhakṣaṇa kare
tāra janma adhaḥ-pate jaya*

The fruitive work of karma-kāṇḍa and the speculations of jñāna-kāṇḍa are two pots of poison. If one drinks these two poisons, and then proclaims that they are both as sweet as nectar, he will fall from the human realm and spend a long time wandering in many species of life, eating many abominable things, and enjoying many horrible pleasures.

Text 9

*rādhā-kṛṣṇe nāhi ratianya jane bale pati
prema-bhakti kichu nāhi jāne
nāhi bhaktirasāndhanabharama karaye dhyāna
bṛthā tarā se chara bhabane*

They who proclaim someone else as their Lord and don't love Radha-Kṛṣṇa don't understand anything of loving devotional service. Not asking about devotional service, and all their thoughts placed in the illusory material world, they have wasted their lives.

Text 10

*jñāna karma kare lokanāhi jāne bhakti-yoga
nānā-mate haiyā ajñāna
tāra kathā nāhi śuniparamārtha-tattwa jāni
prema-bhakti bhakta-gaṇa-prāṇa*

Most people know only of work and philosophy. They don't know anything about devotional service. Each with a different opinion, they are all fools. Don't listen to their talk. Learn about devotional service, the life of the devotees.

Text 11

*jagata-byapaka hariaja-bhaba ajñā-kārī
madhura madhura līlā-kathā
ei tattwa jāne jei parama uttama sei
tāṇra saṅga kariba sarbathā*

Lord Hari is present in every corner of the material world. Brahmā and Siva are His order-carriers. Talk of His pastimes is very very sweet. One who know this is a great soul. I yearn for his association.

Text 12

*parama īśwara kṛṣṇatānkhe hāo ati-trṣṇa
bhaja tāṇre braja-bhāba lāṇa
rasika-bhakata saṅgebihāra nijata raṅge
braja-pure basati karina*

Thirst to attain Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Worship Him. Love Him as the residents of Vraja did. Reside in Vrajapura, where Lord Kṛṣṇa eternally enjoys pastimes. Stay in the company of great souls that relish the nectar of Kṛṣṇa.

Text 13

*diba-niśi bhāba-bhāremanete bhabanā ka're
nanda-braje rahibe sadāi
ei bākya satya jānakabhu ithe nāhi āna
paramāṇa śrī-jība gosāi*

Great souls stay always in Vraja, day and night their hearts full of love for Kṛṣṇa. That is the truth. It is not otherwise. Śrīla Jīva Gosvāmī has proved it.

Text 14

*śrī-kṛṣṇa-bhakata-jana tānhāra caraṇe mana
āropiyā kathā-anusāre
sakhīra sarbathā matahaina tānhāra juthā
sadā bihariba braja-pure*

I will meditate on the lotus feet of the devotees, hear from them, remember Lord Kṛṣṇa's gopī-friends, and always be happy in Vraja-pura.

Text 15

*līlā-rasa-kathā gānajuḡala-kiṣora dhyāna
prārthanā kariba abhilāṣe
jibane maraṇe eiāra kichu nāhi cāi
kahe dīna narottama-dāsa*

I will meditate on the youthful Divine Couple and sing of Their nectar pastimes. I pray for that. In this life or after death I have no other desire. Thus speaks poor-hearted Narottama dasa.

Song 9

Text 1

*āna kathā na śunibaāna kathā na baliba
sakali kahiba paramārtha
prārthanā kariba sadālālasā abhīṣṭa-kathā
iha binu sakali anartha*

I will not hear other talk. I will not speak other talk. I will speak about the most precious thing. I always pray for this. Aside from the talk I yearn to hear, all other words are useless.

Text 2

*īśwarera tattwa jatatāha ba kahiba kata
ananta apara keba jāne
braja-pura-prema nityaei se parama satya
bhaja sadā anurāga-mane*

How can I describe the Supreme Personality of Godhead? He is limitless. Who can know Him? The love the people of Vraja feel for Lord kṛṣṇa is eternal. It is the true reality. Always strive to attain that love.

Text 3

*gobinda gokulacandraparama ānanda-kānda
paribara-gopa-gopī saṅge*

*nandīśwara jāṅra dhāmagiridhārī jāṅra nāma
sakhī-saṅge bhaja tāṅra raṅge*

Lord Kṛṣṇa is the pleasure of the cows, land, and senses, the moon of Gokula, and the root of transcendental bliss. He stays with many gopa and gopī friends, His home is Nandīśvara, and His name is Giridhārī. Please, in the company of the gopis, worship Him with love.

Text 4

*prema-bhakti-tattwa eitomāre kahila bhāi
āra durbasanā parihāri
śrī-guru-prasāde bhāiei saba bhajana pāi
prema-bhakti sakhī anucārī*

O brother, the truth of loving devotional service has already been explained to you. O brother, I will leave all material desires behind and, by my guru's mercy I will perfectly worship Lord Kṛṣṇa with pure love, and I will become His gopī-maidservant.

Text 5

*sārthaka bhajana-pathasādhu-saṅga abirata
smaṛaṇa bhajana kṛṣṇa-kathā
prema-bhakti haya jaditabe haya manaḥ śuddhi
tabe jaya hṛdayera byathā*

Follow the path of sincere devotional service. Stay among the devotees. Remember Kṛṣṇa and talk about Him. When loving devotion comes, your mind will become pure and all sufferings will flee from your heart.

Text 6

*biṣaya bipatti jāñsaṁsāra swapana mana
nara-tanu bhajanera mūla
anurāge bhaja sadāprema-bhābe līlā-kathā
āra jata hṛdayera śūla*

Know that sense happiness is a calamity. Know that the material world is a dream. Know that this human life is the root from which devotional service may sprout. With love always worship Lord Kṛṣṇa. With love always hear His pastimes. To do anything else is to plunge a spear in your own heart.

Text 7

*rādhikā-caraṇa-reṇubhūṣaṇa kariyā tanu
anāyāse pābe giridhārī
rādhikā-caraṇāśrayakare jei mahāśaya
tāṅre muṇi jana balihari*

If one decorates his body with the dust from Srimatī Radharāṇī's lotus feet, then it will be very easy for him to attain Lord Giridhārī. I congratulate such a great soul who takes shelter of Srimatī Radharāṇī's lotus feet and I say to him; Well done! Bravo! Excellent!

Text 8

*jaya jaya rādhā-nāmaḥṛndābana yāṅra dhāma
kṛṣṇa-sukha-bilāsera nidhi
hena rādhā-guṇa-gānana śunila mora kana
bañcita karila more bidhi*

Glory, glory to She who is named Radha, whose home is Vṛndavana, and who is Lord Kṛṣṇa's treasury of blissful pastimes! Alas, destiny has cheated me, for my ears have not heard Radha's glories.

Text 9

*tāṅra bhakta-saṅge sadārāsa-lilā-prema-kathā
je kare se pāya ghanaśyāma
ihāte bimukha jeitāra kabhu siddhi nāi
nāhi jena śuni tāra nāma*

A person who, in the company of the devotees, again and again hears the stories of the pure love in the rāsa-dance pastimes will attain Lord Kṛṣṇa, who is dark as a monsoon cloud. A person averse to hearing these pastimes will never attain perfection. I refuse to hear the name of such an offender.

Text 10

*kṛṣṇa-nāma-gāne bhāirādhikā-caraṇa pāi
rādhā-nāma-gāne kṛṣṇacandra
saṅkṣepe kahila kathāghucaha manera byathā
duḥkha-maya anya-kathā-dwandwa*

O brother, by chanting Kṛṣṇa's name I will attain Radha, and by chanting Radha's name I will attain Kṛṣṇa. Now I have briefly told you how to chase all sufferings from your heart. What contradicts my words will bring only pain.

Text 11

*ahaṅkāra abhimanaasat-saṅga asaj-jñāna
chāḍi' bhaja guru-pāda-padma
kara ātma-nibedanadeha-geha-parijana
guru-bākya parama mahattwa*

Abandon false-ego, pride, company with materialists, and useless material knowledge, and worship the lotus feet of your spiritual master. Offer your home, friends, relatives, body and self to him. His words are supreme.

Text 12

*śrī-kṛṣṇa-caitanyadebanirabadhi tāṅre sebā
prema-kalpa-taru-bara-dātā
śrī-braja-rāja-nandanarādhikā-jībana-dhana
aparūpa ei saba kathā*

Always serve Sri Kṛṣṇa Caitanyadeva, who is a kalpa-vṛkṣa tree giving away the treasure of pure love. He is Lord Kṛṣṇa Himself, the prince of Vraja and the life of Srimatī Radharāṇī. Talk about Him is full of wonder.

Text 13

*nabadwīpe abatāri'rādhā-bhābe aṅgīkāri'
tāṅra kānti aṅgera bhūṣaṇa
tina bāñchā abhilāṣi'sacī-garbhe parakāsi'
saṅge lāṇa pariṣada-gaṇa*

Accepting the loving emotions of Sri Radha, and accepting Her bodily luster as the ornament of His limbs, Lord Kṛṣṇa descended to Navadvīpa. Desiring to attain three things, He appeared in Saci's womb. He attained His desires in the company of His devotees.

Text 14

*gaura-hari-abatari'premera badara kari
sadhila manera tina kāja
rādhikāra prāṇa-patikibā bhābe kānde niti
ihā bījhe bhakata-samāja*

Appearing in a fair-complexioned form, He made a great monsoon of spiritual love. In this way He attained His three desires. Why did Lord Kṛṣṇa, the master of Radha, cry again and again? Only the devotees can know.

Text 15

*gopane sadhile siddhisādhana nabadha bhakti
prārthanā kariba dainye sadā
kari' hari-saṅkīrtanasadāi bibhola mana
iṣṭa-lābha binu saba bādha*

In private I will practice the nine kinds of devotional service and in this way I will attain perfection. I will always humbly pray for that. In public I will perform Hari-saṅkīrtana, my heart overcome with love. Any activity that does not lead to My worshipable Lord is an obstacle.

Text 16

saṁsara batojarekāma-phaṅse bandhi' māre

*phukari' kahaye haridāsa
karaha bhakata-saṅgaprema-kathā-rasa-raṅga
tabe habe bipada bināśa*

When arrested by the highwaymen of material illusion, bound about the neck with ropes of lust, and about to take his last breath, the devotee of Lord Hari calls out for the Lord's help and is saved. O devotees, call out in this way, glorifying the nectar topics of pure love for Kṛṣṇa. Then the calamity of repeated birth and death will come to an end.

Text 17

*strī-putra bandhaba jatamāri' jābe śata śata
āpanake hao sābadhana
muṇi se biṣaye hatana bhājinu hari-pāda
mora āra nāhi paritrāṇa*

Hundreds and hundreds of women, children, and other relatives will someday die. Take care of yourself. I, who am very fallen, am already killed by sense gratification. I would not worship Lord Hari's feet. Now I have no protection.

Text 18

*rāmacandra kabirājasei saṅge mora kāja
tāṅra saṅga binu saba śūnya
jadi haya janma punaḥtāṅra saṅga haya jena
abe haya narottama dhanya*

I desire the association of Rāmcandra Kavirāja. Without his company the entire world is a desert. If I must take birth again, I would feel myself fortunate to have his association.

Text 19

*āpana bhajana-kathāna kahiba jathā tathā
ihāte haio sābadhana
nā kariha keha roṣana laiha mora doṣa
pranamaha bhaktera caraṇa*

I will not describe the specific devotional activities of each devotee. Perform your devotional service carefully. Don't become angry. Don't find fault with others. Offer obeisances to the devotees' feet.

Text 20

*śrī-gaurāṅga prabhu more bolana je bāṇī
tāha kahi bhala manda kichui nā jāni*

Sri Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu has enabled me to write these words. Without His

mercy I am simply a fool who cannot distinguish right from wrong.

Text 21

*lokanātha prabhupāda hṛde kari' āśā
rema-bhakti-candrikā kaya narottama dāsa*

In his heart aspiring to attain the mercy of Śrīla Lokanātha Gosvāmī Prabhupāda, Narottama dāsa speaks this book, Sri Prema-bhakti-candrikā (The Moonlight of Loving Devotion).