

Śrī Rādhikāṣṭaka

Eight Verses in Glorification of Śrī Rādhikā

from Govinda Līlāmṛta by Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja Goswāmī
[Midday Pastimes, chapter 17.59-67, as chanted by the female parrot śārī]

Text 1

कुङ्कुमाक्त-काञ्चनाब्ज-गर्व-हारि-गौरभा
पीतनाञ्चिताब्ज-गन्ध-कीर्ति-निन्दि-सौरभा
बल्लवेश-सूनु-सर्व-वाञ्छितार्थ-साधिका
मह्यम् आत्म-पाद-पद्म-दास्य-दास्तु राधिका

kuṅkumākta-kāñcanābja-garva-hāri-gaurabhā
pītanāñcitābja-gandha-kīrti-nindi-saurabhā
ballaveśa-sūnu-sarva-vāñcitārtha-sādhikā
mahyam ātma-pāda-padma-dāsya-dāstu rādhikā

Her splendid golden complexion steals the pride of a golden lotus flower anointed with a tinge of red kuṅkum powder. Her sweet fragrance mocks the fame of the aroma of a lotus flower sprinkled with saffron powder. She is fully qualified to fulfill all the desires of the son of the king of cowherd men. May Śrī Rādhikā always bestow upon me the service of Her own lotus feet. (1)

Text 2

कौरविन्द-कान्ति-निन्दि-चित्र-पट्ट-शाटिका
कृष्ण-मत्त-भृङ्ग-केलि-फुल्ल-पुष्प-वाटिका
कृष्ण-नित्य-सङ्गमार्थ-पद्म-बन्धु-राधिका
मह्यम् आत्म-पाद-पद्म-दास्य-दास्तु राधिका

kauravinda-kānti-nindi-citra-paṭṭa-śāṭikā
kṛṣṇa-matta-bhṛṅga-keli-phulla-puṣpa-vāṭikā
kṛṣṇa-nitya-saṅgamārtha-padma-bandhu-rādhikā
mahyam ātma-pāda-padma-dāsya-dāstu rādhikā

Her amazing and colorful silken garments make the splendor of coral feel ashamed. She is a garden of blossoming flowers where the maddened bumblebee named Kṛṣṇa performs amorous pastimes. She worships the Sun-god daily in order to attain the continual association of Her beloved Kṛṣṇa. May Śrī Rādhikā always bestow upon me the service of Her own lotus feet. (2)

Text 3

सौकुमार्य-सृष्ट-पल्लवालि-कीर्ति-निग्रहा
चन्द्र-चन्दनोत्पलेन्दु-सेव्य-शीत-विग्रहा
स्वाभिमर्श-बल्लवीश-काम-ताप-बाधिका
मह्यम् आत्म-पाद-पद्म-दास्य-दास्तु राधिका

saukumārya-sṛṣṭa-pallavāli-kīrti-nigrahā
candra-candanotpalendu-sevya-śīta-vigrahā
svābhimarśa-ballavīśa-kāma-tāpa-bādhikā
mahyam ātma-pāda-padma-dāsyā-dāstu rādhikā

Her charming youthful delicacy negates the fame of freshly-sprouted leaves. Her refreshing form is worthy of being served by the cooling moon, sandal-wood paste, lotus flowers, and camphor. When She touches the master of the gopīs, She dispels the burning heat of His lusty desires. May Śrī Rādhikā always bestow upon me the service of Her own lotus feet. (3)

Text 4

विश्व-वन्द्य-यौवताभिवन्दितापि या रमा
रूप-नव्य-यौवनादि-संपदा न यत्-समा
शील-हार्द-लीलया च सा यतो ऽ स्ति नाधिका
मह्यम् आत्म-पाद-पद्म-दास्य-दास्तु राधिका

viśva-vandya-yauvatābhivanditāpi yā ramā
rūpa-navya-yauvanādi-saṁpadā na yat-samā
śīla-hārda-līlayā ca sā yato 'sti nādhikā
mahyam ātma-pāda-padma-dāsyā-dāstu rādhikā

Although the goddess of fortune Lakṣmī Devī is adored by other youthful goddesses, who are themselves glorified throughout all the universe, still she is nowhere near Śrī Rādhikā in the matter of beauty, praiseworthy youthfulness, or other divine feminine opulences. There is no one in the material or spiritual worlds superior to Rādhikā in the expression of naturally loving pastimes. May Śrī Rādhikā always bestow upon me the service of Her own lotus feet. (4)

Text 5

रास-लास्य-गीत-नर्म-सत्-कलालि-पण्डिता
प्रेम-रम्य-रूप-वेश-सद्-गुणालि-मण्डिता
विश्व-नव्य-गोप-योषिद्-आलितो पि याधिका
मह्यम् आत्म-पाद-पद्म-दास्य-दास्तु राधिका

rāsa-lāsyā-gīta-narma-sat-kalāli-panḍitā
prema-ramya-rūpa-veśa-sad-guṇāli-maṇḍitā
viśva-navya-gopa-yoṣid-ālito pi yādhikā
mahyam ātma-pāda-padma-dāsyā-dāstu rādhikā

She is very learned in many transcendental arts, such as performing in the rāsa dance, singing, and joking. She is decorated with many divine qualities, such as loving nature, exquisite beauty, and wonderful garments and ornaments. Even among the cowherd damsels of Vraja, who are praised by the entire universe, She is the best in every way. May Śrī Rādhikā always bestow upon me the service of Her own lotus feet. (5)

Text 6

नित्य-नव्य-रूप-केलि-कृष्ण-भाव-सम्पदा
कृष्ण-राग-बन्ध-गोप-यौवतेषु कम्पदा
कृष्ण-रूप-वेश-केलि-लग्न-सत्-समाधिका
मह्यम् आत्म-पाद-पद्म-दास्य-दास्तु राधिका

nitya-navya-rūpa-keli-kṛṣṇa-bhāva-sampadā
kṛṣṇa-rāga-bandha-gopa-yauvateṣu kampadā
kṛṣṇa-rūpa-veśa-keli-lagna-sat-samādhikā
mahyam ātma-pāda-padma-dāsyā-dāstu rādhikā

She possesses the opulences of eternal youthful beauty, eternal pastimes, and eternal love for Kṛṣṇa. Her ecstatic feelings of love for Kṛṣṇa cause the gopīs, who are also in love with Kṛṣṇa, to tremble. She is always attached to meditating on Śrī Kṛṣṇa's beautiful form, ornaments, garments, and pastimes. May Śrī Rādhikā always bestow upon me the service of Her own lotus feet. (6)

Text 7

स्वेद-कम्प-कण्टकाश्रु-गद्गदादि-सञ्चिता
मर्ष-हर्ष-वामतादि-भाव-भुषणाञ्चिता
कृष्ण-नेत्र-तोषि-रत्न-मण्डनालि-दाधिका
मह्यम् आत्म-पाद-पद्म-दास्य-दास्तु राधिका

sveda-kampa-kaṇṭakāśru-gadgadādi-sañcitā
marṣa-harṣa-vāmatādi-bhāva-bhuṣaṇāñcitā
kṛṣṇa-netra-toṣi-ratna-maṇḍanāli-dādhikā
mahyam ātma-pāda-padma-dāsyā-dāstu rādhikā

She is graced with the eight ecstatic symptoms (sāttvika-bhāva), such as trembling, perspiring, standing up of bodily hairs, tears, faltering of the voice, and so forth. She is adorned with different ecstatic emotional ornaments, such as impatience, joy, contrariness, and so forth. She is decorated with beautiful jewels that give total delight to the eyes of Kṛṣṇa. May Śrī Rādhikā always bestow upon me the service of Her own lotus feet. (7)

Text 8

या क्षणार्ध-कृष्ण-विप्रयोग-सन्ततोदिता-
नेक-दैन्य-चापलादि-भाव-वृन्द-मोदिता
यत्न-लब्ध-कृष्ण-सङ्ग-निर्गताखिलाधिका
मह्यम् आत्म-पाद-पद्म-दास्य-दास्तु राधिका

yā kṣaṇārdha-kṛṣṇa-viprayoga-santatoditā-
neka-dainya-cāpalādi-bhāva-vṛnda-moditā
yatna-labdha-kṛṣṇa-saṅga-nirgatākhillādhikā
mahyam ātma-pāda-padma-dāsya-dāstu rādhikā

If She is apart from Kṛṣṇa for even half a moment, She becomes stricken with wretched suffering, restlessness, and a multitude of other ecstatic symptoms of separation. When She regains the association of Kṛṣṇa after some effort, then all Her anguish immediately vanishes. May Śrī Rādhikā always bestow upon me the service of Her own lotus feet. (8)

Text 9

अष्टकेन यस् त्व अनेन नौति कृष्ण-वल्लभां
दर्शने ऽ पि शैलजादि-योषिदालि-दुर्लभाम्
कृष्ण-सङ्ग-नन्दितात्म-दास्य-सीधु-भाजनं
तं करोति नन्दितालि-सञ्चयाशु सा जनम

aṣṭakena yas tv anena nauti kṛṣṇa-vallabhām
darśane 'pi śailajādi-yoṣidāli-durlabhām
kṛṣṇa-saṅga-nanditātma-dāsya-sīdhu-bhājanam
tam karoti nanditāli-sañcayāśu sā janam

It is very difficult for Pārvatī and other exalted goddesses to attain even a glimpse of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, who is dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa. But if someone glorifies Her by reciting these eight verses, then She who is delighted by Kṛṣṇa's continuous association will grant the sweet nectar of Her personal service to that person, who thereby enters the assembly of Her similarly delighted girlfriends. (9)

Thus ends the Śrī Rādhikāṣṭaka from Govinda Līlāmṛta by Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja Goswāmī



All Glories to Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī