ASTROBHAVA

SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

Bhu Suktam

Krishna Yajurveda, Taittiriya

THE COMPLETE HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI)

Eight verses: six from the Taittiriya Samhita and two from the Taittiriya Brahmana, without accent marks.

VERSE 1

भूमिर्भूम्ना द्यौर्वरिणाऽन्तरिक्षं महित्वा ।
उपस्थे ते देव्यदितेऽग्निमन्नादमन्नाद्यायाऽऽदधे ॥

Earth by her vastness, heaven by its breadth, the mid-region by its greatness. On your lap, divine Aditi, I set down Agni, the eater of food, so that there may be food to eat.

VERSE 2

आऽयङ्गौः पृश्निरक्रमीदसनन्मातरं पुनः ।
पितरं च प्रयन्थ्स्वः ॥

This dappled bull has come forward and reached his mother again, and goes on to his father, the heavens.

VERSE 3

त्रिगं्शद्धाम विराजति वाक्पतङ्गाय शिश्रिये ।
प्रत्यस्य वह द्युभिः ॥

Speech shines over thirty stations and has given herself to the winged one, the Sun. Bear towards him with the light of the days.

VERSE 4

अस्य प्राणादपानत्यन्तश्चरति रोचना ।
व्यख्यन्महिषः स्वः ॥

From his in-breath he breathes out; a radiance moves between the worlds. The mighty one has looked out over the heavens.

VERSE 5

यत्त्वा क्रुद्धः परोवप मन्युना यदवर्त्या ।
सुकल्पमग्ने तत्तव पुनस्त्वोद्दीपयामसि ॥

If in anger I scattered you away, in wrath or through mishap, O Agni, that is easily put right for you: we kindle you again.

VERSE 6

यत्ते मन्युपरोप्तस्य पृथिवीमनु दध्वसे ।
आदित्या विश्वे तद्देवा वसवश्च समाभरन् ॥

That part of you, scattered in wrath, which fell away over the earth, the Adityas, all the gods and the Vasus gathered up together.

VERSE 7

शृण्वन्ति श्रोणाममृतस्य गोपाम् ।
पुण्यामस्या उपशृणोमि वाचम् ।
महीं देवीं विष्णुपत्नीमजूर्याम् ।
प्रतीचीमेनाग्ं हविषा यजामः ॥

They hear of Shrona, guardian of immortality; I listen to her holy voice. With this offering we worship her, the great goddess, the ageless wife of Vishnu, who turns towards us.

VERSE 8

त्रेधा विष्णुरुरुगायो विचक्रमे ।
महीं दिवं पृथिवीमन्तरिक्षम् ।
तच्छ्रोणैति श्रव इच्छमाना ।
पुण्यग्ग् श्लोकं यजमानाय कृण्वती ॥

Wide-striding Vishnu took three steps across the great heaven, the earth and the mid-region. Shrona goes there seeking renown, making holy fame for the one who offers the sacrifice.

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