



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

JAGANNATH ASHTAKAM

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Attributed to Adi Shankaracharya

The eight verses as sung at Puri, followed by the closing phala shruti verse.

VERSE 1

कदाचित्कालिन्दीतटविपिनसङ्गीतकरवो मुदाभीरीनारीवदनकमलास्वादमधुपः ।
रमाशम्भुब्रह्मामरपतिगणेशार्चितपदो जगन्नाथः स्वामी नयनपथगामी भवतु मे ॥

Now and then he fills the groves on the banks of the Yamuna with music, and like a joyful bee he savours the lotus faces of the cowherd women. His feet are worshipped by Lakshmi, Shiva, Brahma, Indra and Ganesha. May Jagannatha, the Lord, come into my sight.

VERSE 2

भुजे सव्ये वेणुं शिरसि शिखिपिच्छं कटितटे दुकूलं नेत्रान्ते सहचरकटाक्षं विदधते ।
सदा श्रीमद्वृन्दावनवसतिलीलापरिचयो जगन्नाथः स्वामी नयनपथगामी भवतु मे ॥

He holds the flute in his left hand, wears a peacock feather on his head and fine silk at his waist, and casts sidelong glances at his companions from the corners of his eyes. He is ever known by his play while dwelling in lovely Vrindavana. May Jagannatha, the Lord, come into my sight.

VERSE 3

महाम्भोधेस्तीरे कनकरुचिरे नीलशिखरे वसन् प्रासादान्तः सहजबलभद्रेण बलिना ।
सुभद्रामध्यस्थः सकलसुरसेवावसरदो जगन्नाथः स्वामी नयनपथगामी भवतु मे ॥

On the shore of the great ocean, on the Blue Hill shining like gold, he lives inside his temple with his mighty brother Balabhadra, with Subhadra between them. He grants every god the chance to serve him. May Jagannatha, the Lord, come into my sight.

VERSE 4

कृपापारावारः सजलजलदश्रेणिरुचिरो रमावाणीरामः स्फुरदमलपङ्केरुहमुखः ।
सुरेन्द्रैराराध्यः श्रुतिगणशिखागीतचरितो जगन्नाथः स्वामी नयनपथगामी भवतु मे ॥

He is an ocean of mercy, beautiful like a row of rain-filled clouds, the delight of Lakshmi and Sarasvati, with a face like a shining, spotless lotus. He is worshipped by the chief gods, and the summits of the Vedas sing of his deeds. May Jagannatha, the Lord, come into my sight.

VERSE 5

रथारूढो गच्छन् पथि मिलितभूदेवपटलैः स्तुतिप्रादुर्भावं प्रतिपदमुपाकर्ण्य सदयः ।
दयासिन्धुर्बन्धुः सकलजगतां सिन्धुसुतया जगन्नाथः स्वामी नयनपथगामी भवतु मे ॥

Riding on his chariot along the road, at every step he listens kindly to the hymns rising from the crowds of Brahmins gathered there. With Lakshmi, the daughter of the ocean, he is an ocean of compassion and the friend of all the worlds. May Jagannatha, the Lord, come into my sight.

VERSE 6

परब्रह्मापीडः कुवलयदलोत्फुल्लनयनो निवासी नीलाद्रौ निहितचरणोऽनन्तशिरसि ।
रसानन्दो राधासरसवपुरालिङ्गनसुखो जगन्नाथः स्वामी नयनपथगामी भवतु मे ॥

He is the crown of the Supreme Brahman, with eyes wide open like blue lotus petals; he dwells on the Blue Hill and rests his feet on the head of Ananta. He is joy itself and delights in the loving embrace of Radha. May Jagannatha, the Lord, come into my sight.

VERSE 7

न वै याचे राज्यं न च कनकमाणिक्यविभवं न याचेऽहं रम्यां निखिलजनकाम्यां वरवधूम् ।
सदा काले काले प्रमथपतिना गीतचरितो जगन्नाथः स्वामी नयनपथगामी भवतु मे ॥

I do not ask for a kingdom, nor for riches of gold and rubies, nor for a beautiful bride desired by all people. I ask only this: may Jagannatha, the Lord whose deeds are sung at all times by Shiva, lord of the Pramathas, come into my sight.

VERSE 8

हर त्वं संसारं द्रुततरमसारं सुरपते हर त्वं पापानां विततिमपरां यादवपते ।
अहो दीनेऽनाथे निहितचरणो निश्चितमिदं जगन्नाथः स्वामी नयनपथगामी भवतु मे ॥

O Lord of the gods, quickly take away this worthless round of birth and death; O Lord of the Yadavas, take away the endless mass of my sins. Surely he sets his feet upon the lowly and the helpless. May Jagannatha, the Lord, come into my sight.

PHALA SHRUTI 1

जगन्नाथाष्टकं पुण्यं यः पठेत् प्रयतः शुचिः ।
सर्वपापविशुद्धात्मा विष्णुलोकं स गच्छति ॥

The verse says that whoever recites this sacred Jagannatha Ashtakam with care and purity is cleansed of all sins and goes to the world of Vishnu.

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