



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

RAJARAJESHWARI ASHTAKAM

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Attributed to Adi Shankaracharya

The eight verses as commonly sung, the last of them carrying the phala shruti.

VERSE 1

अम्बा शाम्भवि चन्द्रमौलिरबलाऽपर्णा उमा पार्वती काली हैमवती शिवा त्रिनयनी कात्यायनी भैरवी ।
सावित्री नवयौवना शुभकरी साम्राज्यलक्ष्मीप्रदा चिद्रूपी परदेवता भगवती श्रीराजराजेश्वरी ॥

Mother, consort of Shambhu, she whose crest bears the moon, the young one, Aparna, Uma, Parvati, Kali, daughter of Himavan, Shiva, the three-eyed one, Katyayani, Bhairavi. Savitri, ever young, the giver of good, bestower of sovereign prosperity: she is pure consciousness, the supreme deity, the blessed Sri Rajarajeshwari.

VERSE 2

अम्बा मोहिनि देवता त्रिभुवनी आनन्दसन्दायिनी वाणी पल्लवपाणि वेणुमुरलीगानप्रिया लोलिनी ।
कल्याणी उडुराजबिम्बवदना धूम्राक्षसंहारिणी चिद्रूपी परदेवता भगवती श्रीराजराजेश्वरी ॥

Mother, the enchanting goddess of the three worlds who grants bliss; she is speech itself, with hands soft as tender leaves, delighting in the music of flute and pipe, playful. Auspicious, her face like the disc of the moon, slayer of the demon Dhumraksha: she is pure consciousness, the supreme deity, the blessed Sri Rajarajeshwari.

VERSE 3

अम्बा नूपुररत्नकङ्कणधरी केयूरहारावली जातीचम्पकवैजयन्तिलहरी ग्रैवेयकैराजिता ।
वीणावेणुविनोदमण्डितकरा वीरासने संस्थिता चिद्रूपी परदेवता भगवती श्रीराजराजेश्वरी ॥

Mother, wearing anklets and jewelled bracelets, armlets and strings of necklaces, with waves of jasmine, champaka and vajrayanti garlands, shining with ornaments at the neck. Her hands are adorned with the veena and flute she plays for delight, and she is seated in the hero's posture: she is pure consciousness, the supreme deity, the blessed Sri Rajarajeshwari.

VERSE 4

अम्बा रौद्रिणि भद्रकालि बगला ज्वालामुखी वैष्णवी ब्रह्माणी त्रिपुरान्तकी सुरनुता देदीप्यमानोज्ज्वला ।
चामुण्डा श्रितरक्षपोषजननी दाक्षायणी वल्लवी चिद्रूपी परदेवता भगवती श्रीराजराजेश्वरी ॥

Mother, the fierce one, Bhadrakali, Bagala, Jvalamukhi, Vaishnavi, Brahmani, destroyer of the three cities, praised by the gods, blazing with radiance. Chamunda, the mother who protects and nourishes those who take refuge in her, Dakshayani, the cowherd maiden: she is pure consciousness, the supreme deity, the blessed Sri Rajarajeshwari.

VERSE 5

अम्बा शूल धनुः कुशाङ्कुशधरी अर्धेन्दुबिम्बाधरी वाराही मधुकैटभप्रशमनी वाणीरमासेविता ।
मल्लद्यासुरमूकदैत्यमथनी माहेश्वरी अम्बिका चिद्रूपी परदेवता भगवती श्रीराजराजेश्वरी ॥

Mother, holding the trident, the bow, the noose and the goad, bearing the half-moon disc; Varahi, who subdued Madhu and Kaitabha, served by Sarasvati and Lakshmi. Destroyer of demons such as Malla and Muka, Maheshvari, Ambika: she is pure consciousness, the supreme deity, the blessed Sri Rajarajeshwari.

VERSE 6

अम्बा सृष्टिविनाशपालनकरी आर्या विसंशोभिता गायत्री प्रणवाक्षरामृतरसः पूर्णानुसन्धीकृता ।

ओङ्कारी विनुतासुतार्चितपदा उद्दण्डदैत्यापहा चिद्रूपी परदेवता भगवती श्रीराजराजेश्वरी ॥

Mother, who creates, preserves and dissolves, the noble one, shining in splendour; Gayatri, the nectar-essence of the syllable Om, realised in complete contemplation. She is the form of Om, her feet praised and worshipped, remover of arrogant demons: she is pure consciousness, the supreme deity, the blessed Sri Rajarajeshwari.

VERSE 7

अम्बा शाश्वत आगमादिविनुता आर्या महादेवता या ब्रह्मादिपिपीलिकान्तजननी या वै जगन्मोहिनी ।

या पञ्चप्रणवादिरेफजननी या चित्कलामालिनी चिद्रूपी परदेवता भगवती श्रीराजराजेश्वरी ॥

Mother, eternally praised by the scriptures, the noble one, the great goddess; she who gives birth to all, from Brahma down to the ant, she who enchants the world. She who is the source of the five pranavas and the sacred syllables, she who wears a garland of rays of consciousness: she is pure consciousness, the supreme deity, the blessed Sri Rajarajeshwari.

VERSE 8

अम्बापालितभक्तराजदनिशं अम्बाष्टकं यः पठेत् अम्बालोककटाक्षवीक्ष ललितं चैश्वर्यमव्याहतम् ।

अम्बा पावनमन्त्रराजपठनादन्ते च मोक्षप्रदा चिद्रूपी परदेवता भगवती श्रीराजराजेश्वरी ॥

The verse says that the devotee protected by the Mother who recites this Ambashtakam every day receives her gracious glance and unbroken prosperity. Through reciting this purifying king of mantras, the Mother grants liberation at the end: she is pure consciousness, the supreme deity, the blessed Sri Rajarajeshwari.

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