



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

SUBRAMANYA ASHTAKAM

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Attributed to Adi Shankaracharya

Eight verses, each closing on the plea to the lord of Valli, followed by two verses on the merit of recitation.

VERSE 1

हे स्वामिनाथ करुणाकर दीनबन्धो श्रीपार्वतीशमुखपङ्कजपद्मबन्धो ।
श्रीशादिदेवगणपूजितपादपद्म वल्लीशनाथ मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

O Swaminatha, merciful one, friend of the humble; O sun that opens the lotus of the face of Shiva, lord of Parvati. You whose lotus feet are worshipped by Vishnu and the hosts of gods, O lord of Valli, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 2

देवादिदेवसुत देवगणाधिनाथ देवेन्द्रवन्द्य मृदुपङ्कजमञ्जुपाद ।
देवर्षिनारदमुनीन्द्रसुगीतकीर्ते वल्लीशनाथ मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

O son of the god of gods, commander of the divine hosts, you whose soft and lovely lotus feet are honoured by Indra. You whose fame is sung well by the divine sage Narada, chief of sages, O lord of Valli, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 3

नित्यान्नदाननिरताखिलरोगहारिन् तस्मात्प्रदानपरिपूरितभक्तकाम ।
श्रुत्यागमप्रणवाच्यनिजस्वरूप वल्लीशनाथ मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

O remover of every illness, ever devoted to the giving of food; you who fulfil the wishes of devotees through your giving. You whose true nature is what the Vedas, the Agamas and the syllable Om declare, O lord of Valli, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 4

क्रौञ्चासुरेन्द्रपरिखण्डनशक्तिशूलचापादिशस्त्रपरिमण्डितदिव्यपाणे ।
श्रीकुण्डलीशधरतुण्डशिखीन्द्रवाह वल्लीशनाथ मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

O you whose divine hands are adorned with the spear, the trident, the bow and other weapons that split apart Krauncha, chief of the asuras. You who ride the king of peacocks, whose beak holds the lord of serpents, O lord of Valli, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 5

देवादिदेव रथमण्डलमध्यवेद्य देवेन्द्रपीठनगरं दृढचापहस्तम् ।
शूरं निहत्य सुरकोटिभिरीड्यमान वल्लीशनाथ मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

O god of gods, known at the centre of the ring of chariots; having slain Shura, who held the seat and city of Indra, firm bow in hand, you are praised by countless gods. O lord of Valli, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 6

हारादिरत्नमणियुक्तकिरीटहार केयूरकुण्डललसत्कवचाभिरामम् ।
हे वीर तारक जयाऽमरबृन्दवन्द्य वल्लीशनाथ मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

O handsome one, wearing a crown and necklaces set with jewels and gems, with armlets, earrings and gleaming armour. O hero, victor over Taraka, saluted by the host of immortals, O lord of Valli, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 7

पञ्चाक्षरादिमनुमन्त्रितगाङ्गतोयैः पञ्चामृतैः प्रमुदितेन्द्रमुखैर्मुनीन्द्रैः ।
पट्टाभिषिक्त हरियुक्त परासनाथ वल्लीशनाथ मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

O you who were crowned and consecrated by joyful Indra and the great sages with Ganges water sanctified by the five-syllable mantra and other mantras, and with the five nectars. O lord of the supreme seat, joined with Vishnu, O lord of Valli, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 8

श्रीकार्तिकेय करुणामृतपूर्णदृष्ट्या कामादिरोगकलुषीकृतदुष्टचित्तम् ।
सिक्त्वा तु मामव कलाधर कान्तिकान्त्या वल्लीशनाथ मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

O Kartikeya, with your glance full of the nectar of compassion, sprinkle my mind, made foul and impure by desire and the other diseases, and protect me. O you who shine with the radiance of the moon, O lord of Valli, give me the support of your hand.

PHALA SHRUTI 1

सुब्रह्मण्याष्टकं पुण्यं ये पठन्ति द्विजोत्तमाः ।
ते सर्वे मुक्तिमायान्ति सुब्रह्मण्यप्रसादतः ॥

The verse says that those excellent twice-born who recite this holy Subrahmanya Ashtakam all reach liberation by the grace of Subrahmanya.

PHALA SHRUTI 2

सुब्रह्मण्याष्टकमिदं प्रातरुत्थाय यः पठेत् ।
कोटिजन्मकृतं पापं तत्क्षणादेव नश्यति ॥

The verse says that for one who rises at dawn and recites this Subrahmanya Ashtakam, the sin committed over ten million births is destroyed that very moment.

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