ASTROBHAVA

SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

Venkateswara Karavalamba Stotram

Nrisimha Bharati of Sringeri

THE COMPLETE HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI)

Thirteen verses on the refrain, then the verse that names the poet. The printed closing line is given at the end.

VERSE 1

श्रीशेषशैलसुनिकेतन दिव्यमूर्ते नारायणाच्युत हरे नलिनायताक्ष ।
लीलाकटाक्षपरिरक्षितसर्वलोक श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

O divine form who dwells on the sacred Shesha hill, Narayana, Achyuta, Hari, with eyes long like lotus petals, who guards every world with a playful sidelong glance: O Shri Venkatesha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 2

ब्रह्मादिवन्दितपदाम्बुज शङ्खपाणे श्रीमत्सुदर्शनसुशोभितदिव्यहस्त ।
कारुण्यसागर शरण्य सुपुण्यमूर्ते श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

Your lotus feet are worshipped by Brahma and the other gods, you hold the conch, and your divine hand shines with the glorious Sudarshana discus. Ocean of compassion, refuge of all, form of pure merit: O Shri Venkatesha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 3

वेदान्तवेद्य भवसागरकर्णधार श्रीपद्मनाभ कमलार्चितपादपद्म ।
लोकैकपावन परात्पर पापहारिन् श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

You are known through the Vedanta and you steer us across the ocean of worldly life; Padmanabha, whose lotus feet Lakshmi worships. Sole purifier of the world, higher than the highest, remover of sin: O Shri Venkatesha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 4

लक्ष्मीपते निगमलक्ष्य निजस्वरूप कामादिदोषपरिहारक बोधदायिन् ।
दैत्यादिमर्दन जनार्दन वासुदेव श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

Lord of Lakshmi, whose true nature is the goal the Vedas point to, who removes faults such as desire and grants understanding. Crusher of the demons, Janardana, Vasudeva: O Shri Venkatesha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 5

तापत्रयं हर विभो रभसान्मुरारे संरक्ष मां करुणया सरसीरुहाक्ष ।
मच्छिष्यमप्यनुदिनं परिरक्ष विष्णो श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

Mighty one, slayer of Mura, swiftly take away the three kinds of suffering; lotus-eyed one, protect me in your mercy. O Vishnu, guard my disciple too, day after day: O Shri Venkatesha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 6

श्रीजातरूपनवरत्नलसत्किरीट कस्तूरिकातिलकशोभिललाटदेश ।
राकेन्दुबिम्बवदनाम्बुज वारिजाक्ष श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

Your crown of fine gold glitters with the nine gems, and your forehead is bright with a mark of musk. Your lotus face is like the full moon's disc and your eyes are like lotuses: O Shri Venkatesha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 7

वन्दारुलोकवरदानवचोविलास रत्नाढ्यहारपरिशोभितकम्बुकण्ठ ।
केयूररत्न सुविभासिदिगन्तराल श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

Your gracious words grant boons to the people who bow to you, and your conch-like throat is adorned with jewelled necklaces. The gems of your armlets light up the spaces between the directions: O Shri Venkatesha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 8

दिव्याङ्गदाङ्कितभुजद्वय मङ्गलात्मन् केयूरभूषणसुशोभितदीर्घबाहो ।
नागेन्द्रकङ्कणकरद्वयकामदायिन् श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

Auspicious one, your two arms bear divine armlets, and your long arms shine with ornaments. With the king of serpents as a bracelet on your two hands, you fulfil desires: O Shri Venkatesha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 9

स्वामिन् जगद्धरण वारिधिमध्यमग्नं मामुद्धराद्य कृपया करुणापयोधे ।
लक्ष्मीं च देहि मम धर्मसमृद्धिहेतुं श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

Master, upholder of the world, ocean of compassion, in your kindness lift me up today, sunk as I am in the middle of the sea. Give me also the wealth that helps righteous deeds to grow: O Shri Venkatesha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 10

दिव्याङ्गरागपरिचर्चितकोमलाङ्ग पीताम्बरावृततनो तरुणार्कभास ।
सत्काञ्चनाभपरिधान सुपट्टबन्ध श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

Your tender body is anointed with divine fragrant paste and wrapped in yellow silk, and you shine like the rising sun. Your garment has the lustre of fine gold and is fastened with a fine silk band: O Shri Venkatesha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 11

रत्नाढ्यदामसुनिबद्धकटिप्रदेश माणिक्यदर्पणसुसन्निभजानुदेश ।
जङ्घाद्वयेन परिमोहितसर्वलोक श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

Your waist is firmly bound with a girdle rich in gems, and your knees gleam like mirrors of ruby. With the beauty of your two legs you enchant the whole world: O Shri Venkatesha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 12

लोकैकपावनसरित्परिशोभिताङ्घ्रे त्वत्पाददर्शनदिनेशमहाप्रसादात् ।
हार्दं तमश्च सकलं लयमाप भूमन् श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

Your feet are graced by the river that alone purifies the world. Great one, by the great grace of seeing your feet, which rise like the sun, all the darkness in my heart has melted away: O Shri Venkatesha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 13

कामादिवैरिनिवहोऽच्युत मे प्रयातः दारिद्र्यमप्यपगतं सकलं दयालो ।
दीनं च मां समवलोक्य दयार्द्रदृष्ट्या श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

O Achyuta, the host of my enemies, desire and the rest, has gone from me, and, merciful one, all my poverty has left as well. Looking upon me, a humble one, with eyes moist with compassion, O Shri Venkatesha, give me the support of your hand.

PHALA SHRUTI 1

श्रीवेङ्कटेशपदपङ्कजषट्पदेन श्रीमन्नृसिंहयतिना रचितं जगत्याम् ।
एतत्पठन्ति मनुजाः पुरुषोत्तमस्य ते प्राप्नुवन्ति परमां पदवीं मुरारेः ॥

This hymn was composed for the world by the ascetic Nrisimha, a bee at the lotus feet of Shri Venkatesha. The verse says that those who recite it, addressed to the Supreme Person, reach the highest abode of Vishnu, the slayer of Mura.

CLOSING

इति श्रीशृङ्गेरिजगद्गुरुणा श्रीनृसिंहभारतिस्वामिना रचितं श्रीवेङ्कटेशकरावलम्बस्तोत्रं सम्पूर्णम् ॥

Thus ends the Shri Venkatesha Karavalamba Stotram, composed by Shri Nrisimha Bharati Swami, the Jagadguru of Sringeri.

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