



SACRED HYMN · HINDI (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

VISHNU CHALISA

Traditional

One opening doha and forty chaupais, ending at the fortieth chaupai as in most printed collections.

DOHA 1

विष्णु सुनिए विनय, सेवक की चितलाय ।
कीरत कुछ वर्णन करूँ, दीजै ज्ञान बताय ॥

O Vishnu, listen with an attentive heart to the humble plea of your servant. I wish to describe something of your glory; grant me the understanding to do so.

CHAUPAI 1

नमो विष्णु भगवान खरारी ।
कष्ट नशावन अखिल बिहारी ॥

Salutations to Lord Vishnu, slayer of the demon Khara, who destroys suffering and moves through the whole universe.

CHAUPAI 2

प्रबल जगत में शक्ति तुम्हारी ।
त्रिभुवन फैल रही उजियारी ॥

Your power is supreme in the world, and your radiance spreads across the three worlds.

CHAUPAI 3

सुन्दर रूप मनोहर सूरत ।
सरल स्वभाव मोहनी मूरत ॥

Your form is beautiful and your face captivating; your nature is gentle and your image enchanting.

CHAUPAI 4

तन पर पीताम्बर अति सोहत ।
बैजन्ती माला मन मोहत ॥

A yellow silk garment shines on your body, and the Vaijayanti garland charms the mind.

CHAUPAI 5

शंख चक्र कर गदा बिराजे ।
देखत दैत्य असुर दल भाजे ॥

The conch, discus and mace adorn your hands; seeing them, the armies of demons and asuras flee.

CHAUPAI 6

सत्य धर्म मद लोभ न गाजे ।
काम क्रोध मद लोभ न छाजे ॥

Truth and dharma are with you, and pride and greed do not roar near you; desire, anger, pride and greed do not touch you.

CHAUPAI 7

सन्तभक्त सज्जन मनरंजन ।
दनुज असुर दुष्टन दल गंजन ॥

You delight saints, devotees and good people, and you crush the hosts of demons and the wicked.

CHAUPAI 8

सुख उपजाय कष्ट सब भंजन ।
दोष मिटाय करत जन सज्जन ॥

You bring forth happiness and break every sorrow; removing their faults, you make people good.

CHAUPAI 9

पाप काट भव सिन्धु उतारण ।
कष्ट नाशकर भक्त उबारण ॥

You cut away sin and carry devotees across the ocean of worldly existence; you destroy suffering and rescue your devotees.

CHAUPAI 10

करत अनेक रूप प्रभु धारण ।
केवल आप भक्ति के कारण ॥

Lord, you take many forms, and you do so only for the sake of devotion.

CHAUPAI 11

धरणि धेनु बन तुमहिं पुकारा ।
तब तुम रूप राम का धारा ॥

When the Earth, taking the form of a cow, called out to you, you took the form of Rama.

CHAUPAI 12

भार उतार असुर दल मारा ।
रावण आदिक को संहारा ॥

You lifted her burden, destroyed the armies of demons and slew Ravana and others like him.

CHAUPAI 13

आप वाराह रूप बनाया ।
हिरण्याक्ष को मार गिराया ॥

You took the form of the boar Varaha and struck down Hiranyaksha.

CHAUPAI 14

धर मत्स्य तन सिन्धु बनाया ।
चौदह रतनन को निकलाया ॥

Taking the body of a fish, you made the ocean your home; and you caused the fourteen jewels to be drawn out of it.

CHAUPAI 15

अमिलख असुरन द्वन्द मचाया ।
रूप मोहनी आप दिखाया ॥

When countless demons stirred up strife, you showed yourself as the enchantress Mohini.

CHAUPAI 16

देवन को अमृत पान कराया ।
असुरन को छबि से बहलाया ॥

You had the gods drink the nectar of immortality and beguiled the demons with your beauty.

CHAUPAI 17

कूर्म रूप धर सिन्धु मझाया ।
मन्द्राचल गिरि तुरत उठाया ॥

Taking the form of the tortoise Kurma, you held up the churning of the ocean and at once bore Mount Mandara.

CHAUPAI 18

शंकर का तुम फन्द छुड़ाया ।
भस्मासुर को रूप दिखाया ॥

You freed Shankara from his trap, showing your enchanting form to the demon Bhasmasura.

CHAUPAI 19

वेदन को जब असुर डुबाया ।
कर प्रबन्ध उन्हें ढुँढवाया ॥

When a demon sank the Vedas into the waters, you arranged for them to be searched out and recovered.

CHAUPAI 20

मोहित बनकर खलहि नचाया ।
उसही कर से भस्म कराया ॥

Taking an enchanting form, you made the wicked one dance, and by his own hand had him burned to ash.

CHAUPAI 21

असुर जलंधर अति बलदाई ।
शंकर से उन कीन्ह लड़ाई ॥

The demon Jalandhara, of very great strength, fought a battle with Shankara.

CHAUPAI 22

हार पार शिव सकल बनाई ।
कीन सती से छल खल जाई ॥

Though Shiva tried every means, he could not prevail; the wicked one went off to deceive Sati by trickery.

CHAUPAI 23

सुमिरन कीन तुम्हें शिवरानी ।
बतलाई सब विपत कहानी ॥

Shiva's consort then remembered you and told you the whole tale of her distress.

CHAUPAI 24

तब तुम बने मुनीश्वर ज्ञानी ।
वृन्दा की सब सुरति भुलानी ॥

Then you became a wise sage and made Vrinda forget all her awareness.

CHAUPAI 25

देखत तीन दनुज शैतानी ।
वृन्दा आय तुम्हें लपटानी ॥

Seeing the three demonic forms, Vrinda came and clung to you.

CHAUPAI 26

हो स्पर्श धर्म क्षति मानी ।
हना असुर उर शिव शैतानी ॥

At that touch her vow of virtue was held broken, and Shiva struck the demon in the chest.

CHAUPAI 27

तुमने धुरु प्रहलाद उबारे ।
हिरणाकुश आदिक खल मारे ॥

You saved Dhruva and Prahlada and slew wicked ones such as Hiranyakashipu.

CHAUPAI 28

गणिका और अजामिल तारे ।
बहुत भक्त भव सिन्धु उतारे ॥

You saved the courtesan and Ajamila, and carried many devotees across the ocean of existence.

CHAUPAI 29

हरहु सकल संताप हमारे ।
कृपा करहु हरि सिरजन हारे ॥

Remove all our afflictions; show mercy, O Hari, creator of all.

CHAUPAI 30

देखहुँ मैं निज दरश तुम्हारे ।
दीन बन्धु भक्तन हितकारे ॥

Let me behold your own vision, O friend of the humble and benefactor of devotees.

CHAUPAI 31

चहत आपका सेवक दर्शन ।
करहु दया अपनी मधुसूदन ॥

Your servant longs for your darshan; show your compassion, O Madhusudana.

CHAUPAI 32

जानूं नहीं योग्य जप पूजन ।
होय यज्ञ स्तुति अनुमोदन ॥

I do not know the proper way of chanting or worship; may you approve this as my sacrifice and hymn of praise.

CHAUPAI 33

शीलदया सन्तोष सुलक्षण ।
विदित नहीं व्रतबोध विलक्षण ॥

I know nothing of good conduct, compassion, contentment or good qualities, nor of the rare knowledge of vows.

CHAUPAI 34

करहुँ आपका किस विधि पूजन ।
कुमति विलोक होत दुख भीषण ॥

In what way should I worship you? Seeing my poor understanding brings me deep sorrow.

CHAUPAI 35

करहुँ प्रणाम कौन विधिसुमिरण ।
कौन भाँति मैं करहुँ समर्पण ॥

How should I bow to you and how should I remember you? In what manner should I offer myself?

CHAUPAI 36

सुर मुनि करत सदा सिवकाई ।
हर्षित रहत परम गति पाई ॥

Gods and sages always serve you; they live in joy and attain the highest state.

CHAUPAI 37

दीन दुखिन पर सदा सहाई ।
निज जन जान लेव अपनाई ॥

You are always the helper of the poor and the suffering; know me as your own and accept me.

CHAUPAI 38

पाप दोष संताप नशाओ ।
भव बन्धन से मुक्त कराओ ॥

Destroy my sins, faults and afflictions, and free me from the bonds of worldly existence.

CHAUPAI 39

सुत सम्पति दे सुख उपजाओ ।
निज चरनन का दास बनाओ ॥

Grant children and wealth, bring forth happiness, and make me a servant of your feet.

CHAUPAI 40

निगम सदा ये विनय सुनावै ।
पढ़ै सुनै सो जन सुख पावै ॥

The Vedas always proclaim this prayer. The verse says that whoever reads or hears it attains happiness.

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