



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

VISHNU SUKTAM

Seer Dirghatamas Aucathya, Rigveda

The six verses of Rigveda 1.154, printed without accent marks.

VERSE 1

विष्णोर्नु कं वीर्याणि प्र वोचं यः पार्थिवानि विममे रजांसि ।

यो अस्कभायदुत्तरं सधस्थं विचक्रमाणस्त्रेधोरुगायः ॥

Now I will proclaim the mighty deeds of Vishnu, who measured out the earthly regions. He propped up the higher dwelling place, the wide-striding one, as he stepped forth three times.

VERSE 2

प्र तद्विष्णुः स्तवते वीर्येण मृगो न भीमः कुचरो गिरिष्ठाः ।

यस्योरुषु त्रिषु विक्रमणेष्वधिक्षियन्ति भुवनानि विश्वा ॥

Vishnu is praised for this mighty deed, like a fearsome wild beast that roams at will and dwells in the mountains. Within his three wide strides all the worlds abide.

VERSE 3

प्र विष्णवे शूषमेतु मन्म गिरिक्षित उरुगायाय वृष्णे ।

य इदं दीर्घं प्रयतं सधस्थमेको विममे त्रिभिरित्पदेभिः ॥

Let this strong hymn of praise go forth to Vishnu, the mountain-dweller, the wide-striding bull. Alone, with just three steps, he measured out this long, far-stretching common dwelling.

VERSE 4

यस्य त्री पूर्णा मधुना पदान्यक्षीयमाणा स्वधया मदन्ति ।

य उ त्रिधातु पृथिवीमुत द्यामेको दाधार भुवनानि विश्वा ॥

His three footsteps, full of honey and never failing, rejoice in their own power. Alone he upholds the threefold earth and heaven, and all the worlds.

VERSE 5

तदस्य प्रियमभि पाथो अश्यां नरो यत्र देवयवो मदन्ति ।

उरुक्रमस्य स हि बन्धुरित्था विष्णोः पदे परमे मध्व उत्सः ॥

May I reach his beloved abode, where people devoted to the gods rejoice. For there, truly, is the kinship of the wide-striding one: in the highest footstep of Vishnu is a spring of honey.

VERSE 6

ता वां वास्तून्युश्मसि गमध्यै यत्र गावो भूरिशृङ्गा अयासः ।

अत्राह तदुरुगायस्य वृष्णाः परमं पदमव भाति भूरि ॥

We long to go to those dwellings of you both, where the many-horned, swift-moving cattle are. There the highest footstep of the wide-striding bull shines down in great splendour.

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