

Śrī Śrī Jagannāthāṣṭakam
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कदाचित् कालिन्दीतट-बिपिन-संगीत-करवो, मुदाभीरी-नारी-वदन-कमलास्वाद-मधुपः।
रमा-शम्भु-ब्रह्मासुरपति-गणेशार्चितपदो, जगन्नाथः स्वामी नयन-पथ-गामी भवतु मे ॥ १ ॥

kadācit kālindī-taṭa-bipina-saṅgīta-karavo
mudābhīrī-nārī-vadana-kamalāsvāda-madhupaḥ
ramā-śambhu-brahmā-sura-pati-gaṇeśārcita-pado
jagannāthaḥ svāmī nayana-patha-gāmī bhavatu me

Lord Jagannātha sometimes makes the melodious sounds of playing music and singing throughout the groves on the banks of the Kālindī river. He is like a bumblebee experiencing great delight while tasting the nectar of the lotus-like faces of the cowherd damsels. His lotus feet are worshipped by great personalities such as Lakṣmī, Śiva, Brahmā, Indra and Gaṇeśa. May that Lord of the Universe kindly become visible unto me.

भुजे सव्ये वेणुं शिरसि शिखिपिच्छं कटीतटे, दुकुलं नेत्रान्ते सहचरिकटाक्षं विदधते ।
सदा श्रीमद् वृन्दावन-वसति-लीला-परचियो, जगन्नाथः स्वामी नयन-पथ-गामी भवतु मे ॥ २ ॥

bhujē savye veṇuṁ śirasi śikhi-picchaṁ kaṭi-taṭe
dukūlaṁ netrānte sahaçari-kaṭākṣaṁ vidadhate
sadā śrīmad-vṛndāvana-vasati-līlā-paricayo
jagannāthaḥ svāmī nayana-patha-gāmī bhavatu me

In His left hand He holds a flute, upon His head is a peacock feather, and around His hips is a fine silken cloth. From the corners of His eyes, He casts sidelong glances upon His loving companions. He is most fond of the pastimes He conducts while living in Śrī Vṛndāvana. May that Lord of the Universe kindly become visible unto me.

महाम्भोधेस्तीरे कनक-रुचिरे नीलशिवरे, वसन् प्रासादान्तः सहज-बलभद्रेण बलिना ।
सुभद्रा-मध्यस्थः सकल-सुर-सेवावसरदो, जगन्नाथः स्वामी नयन-पथ-गामी भवतु मे ॥ ३ ॥

mahāmbhodes tīre kanaka-rucire nīla-śikhare
vasan prāsādāntaḥ sahaja-balabhadreṇa balinā
subhadrā-madhyasthaḥ sakala-sura-sevāvasara-do
jagannāthaḥ svāmī nayana-patha-gāmī bhavatu me

On the shore of the great ocean is a large palace that glows with the effulgence of solid gold, and is topped by a towering temple spire that appears to be a blue sapphire mountain. Residing therein along with His mighty brother Balabhadra, and in between Them His sister Subhadrā, Lord Jagannātha bestows opportunities for all godly souls to render various devotional services. May that Lord of the Universe kindly become visible unto me.

कृपा - पारावारः सजल-जलद - श्रेणि-रुचिरो, रमा-वाणी-रामः स्फुरदमल - पंकेरुह-मुखः ।
सुरेन्द्रैराराध्यःश्रुति-गण-शिखा-गीतचरितो, जगन्नाथः स्वामी नयन-पथ-गामी भवतु मे ॥ ४ ॥

kṛpā-pārāvāraḥ sajala-jalada-śreṇi-ruciro
ramā-vāṇī-rāmaḥ sphurad-amala-pañkeruha-mukhaḥ
surendrair ārādhyāḥ śruti-gaṇa-śikhā-gīta-carito
jagannāthaḥ svāmī nayana-patha-gāmī bhavatu me

He is a fathomless ocean of causeless mercy, and His beautiful complexion is like a cluster of blackish rainclouds. He derives great pleasure by hearing the words of affectionate chastisement from His beloved goddess Lakṣmī. His face is like a fully-blown spotless lotus flower. He is worshipped by the best of demigods and sages, and His character and activities are glorified in song by the topmost personified Upaniṣads. May that Lord of the Universe kindly become visible unto me.

रथारूढो गच्छन् पथि मिलित - भूदेव-पटलैः, स्तुति - प्रादुर्भावं प्रतिपदमुपाकर्ण्य सदयः ।
दया-सिन्धुर्वन्धुः सकल-जगतां सिन्धु-सुतया, जगन्नाथः स्वामी नयन-पथ-गामी भवतु मे ॥ ५ ॥

rathārūḍho gacchan pathi milita-bhūdeva-paṭalaiḥ
stuti-prādurbhāvaṃ prati-padam upākarṇya sadayaḥ
dayā-sindhur bandhuḥ sakala-jagatām sindhu-sutayā
jagannāthaḥ svāmī nayana-patha-gāmī bhavatu me

As the Lord mounts His Ratha-yātrā cart and parades along the road, there is a constant accompaniment of loud prayers and songs chanted by large assemblies of saintly brāhmaṇas. Hearing their hymns, Lord Jagannātha is favorably disposed toward them. He is an ocean of mercy, and is the true friend of all the worlds. May that Lord of the Universe, along with His consort Lakṣmī, who was born from the ocean of nectar, kindly become visible unto me.

परं-ब्रह्मापीडः कुवलय-दलोत् फुल्ल-नयनो, निवासी निलाद्रौ निहित-चरणोऽनन्त-शिरसि ।
रसानन्दी राधा-सरस-वपुरालिगन-सुखो, जगन्नाथः स्वामी नयन-पथ-गामी भवतु मे ॥ ६ ॥

param-brahmāpīḍaḥ kuvalaya-dalotphulla-nayano
nivāsī nīlādrau nihita-caraṇo 'nanta-śirasi
rasānandī rādhā-sarasa-vapur ālīngana-sukho
jagannāthaḥ svāmī nayana-patha-gāmī bhavatu me

He is the ornament adorning the head of para-brahma (the supreme spiritual reality). His eyes are like the blossomed petals of a blue lotus flower, and He resides in the Nīlācala temple that resembles a sapphire hill. His lotus feet are placed upon the heads of Lord Anantadeva. He is overwhelmed by the flow of transcendental loving mellows, and He becomes happy only by embracing the luscious divine form of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. May that Lord of the Universe kindly become visible unto me.

न वै प्रार्थ्यं राज्यं न च कनकतां भोगविभवं, न याचेऽहं रम्यां निखिल-जन-काम्यां वरवधूम् ।
सदा काले काले प्रमथ-पतिना-गीतचरितो, जगन्नाथः स्वामी नयन-पथ-गामी भवतु मे ॥ ७ ॥

na vai prārthyaṃ rājyaṃ na ca kanakatām bhogavibhavaṃ
na yāce'haṃ ramyām nikhila-jana-kāmyām varavadhūm
sadā kāle kāle pramatha-patinā-gīta-carito
jagannāthaḥ svāmī nayana-patha-gāmī bhavatu me

I certainly do not pray for a kingdom, nor for gold, rubies, and wealth. I do not ask for an excellent and beautiful wife, which is a possession desired by all ordinary men. I simply pray for that Lord of the Universe, whose glories are sung by Lord Śiva from age to age, to kindly become visible unto me.

हर त्वं संसारं द्रुततरमसारं सुरपते, हर त्वं पापानां विततिमपरां यादव - पते ।
अहो दीनेऽनाथे निहित-चरणो निश्चितमिदं, जगन्नाथः स्वामी नयन-पथ-गामी भवतु मे ॥ ८ ॥

hara tvaṃ saṃsāraṃ drutataram asāraṃ sura-pate
hara tvaṃ pāpānām vitatim aparām yādava-pate
aho dine 'nāthe nihita-caraṇo niścitam idam
jagannāthaḥ svāmī nayana-patha-gāmī bhavatu me

O Lord of the demigods! Please quickly take away this useless material existence that I am undergoing. O Lord of the Yadus! Please destroy the boundless accumulation of my sinful reactions. Aho! It is certain that Lord Jagannātha bestows His lotus feet upon those who feel themselves humbled and helpless. May that Lord of the Universe kindly become visible unto me.

जगन्नाथाष्टकं पुण्यं यः पठेत् प्रयत्नं शुचिः । सर्वपाप-विशुद्धात्मा विष्णुलोकं स गच्छति ॥

jagannāthāṣṭakaṃ puṇyaṃ yaḥ paṭhet prayataḥ śuciḥ
sarva-pāpa-viśuddhātmā viṣṇu-lokaṃ sa gacchati

The soul of that self-retrained and virtuous person who recites these eight verses glorifying Lord Jagannātha becomes cleansed of all sins, and duly proceeds to Lord Vishnu's abode.