

Sri Vaisnava-Sarana
Surrender to the Devotees of Lord Sri Krsna

**vrindavana-basi jata vaisnavera gana
prathame vandana kori sabara carana**

First of all, I offer my worship to the lotus feet of the residents of Vrindavan, all of whom are Vaisnavas.

**nilacala-basi jata mahaprabhura gana
bhumite padiya vandom sabara carana**

Next, I fall down on the ground and worship the lotus feet of all of Mahaprabhu's associates who live in Nilacala, Jagannatha Puri Dham.

**navadwipa-basi jata mahaprabhura bhakta
savara carana vandon haiya anurakta**

I then worship the devotees of Mahaprabhu in Navadwip and pray for loving attachment to their lotus feet.

**mahaprabhura bhakta jata gauda-dese sthiti
sabara carana vandon koriya pranati**

I then worship the lotus feet of all of Mahaprabhu's devotees residing in Gaudadesh, Bengal.

**ye dese ye dese baise gaurangera gana
urdhva-bahu kori' vandon sabara carana**

With upraised arms I worship the lotus feet of Gauranga Mahaprabhu's dear devotees, wherever they may reside.

**haiyachena haibena prabhura jata dasa
sabara carana vandon dante kori ghasa**

With straw in my teeth I worship the lotus feet of all the servants of Mahaprabhu that ever were in the past or that ever will be in the future.

**brahmamda tarite sakti dhare jane jane
e veda-purane guna gaya jeba sune**

In the Vedas and Puranas it is said that each of the dear devotees of Srīman Mahaprabhu has the potency to deliver the entire universe.

**mahaprabhura gana-saba patita-pavana
tai lobhe mui papi la-inu sarana**

The devotees of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu are deliverers of the most degraded persons. Being greedy for that deliverance, this sinner surrenders unto them.

**vandana korite mui kata sakti dhari
tamo bhuddi dose mui dambha matra kori**

What power or ability do I have to glorify the devotees of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu? Being engrossed in ignorance, it is only out of pride that I attempt to do so.

tathapi mukera bharya manera ullasa
dosa ksami' mo adhame koro nija dasa

Even though I have no speaking power to glorify them, still I am feeling grate pleaseure in my mind. Please overlook my faults, O vaisnavas, and make me your servant.

sarava vancha siddhi haya yama-bandha chute
jagate durlabha haiya prema-dhana lute

The great welth of prema is very rare in the world, but by somehow obtaining it all desires are fulfilled and one achieves freedom from the clutches of Yamaraj.

manera vasana purna acirate haya
devakinandana dasa ei lobhe kaya

Being greedy that the desire of his heart be fulfilled very soon, Devakinandan Dasa writes this song.

Śaraṇāgati:

"Surrendered to the Lord's Shelter"

(1)

śrī-kṛṣṇa-caitanya prabhu jīve doyā kori'
swa-pārṣada swīya dhāma saha avatari'

1) Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Prabhu descended from the eternal spiritual world along with His personal associates and divine abode, incarnating in this temporary material world out of compassion for the fallen souls.

(2)

atyanta durlabha prema koribāre dāna
śikhāya śaraṇāgati bhakatera prāna

2) In order to freely distribute the gift of ecstatic love of God, which is very difficult to obtain, He taught the path of śaraṇāgati, devotional surrender to the Supreme Lord. This śaraṇāgati is the very life of the true devotees.

(3-4)

dainya, ātma-nivedana, goptṛtve varaṇa
'avaśya rakṣibe kṛṣṇa'-viśvāsa, pālana
bhaki-anukūla-mātra kāryera svīkara
bhakti-pratikūla-bhāva varjanāṅgikāra

3-4) The six ways of surrender through śaraṇāgati are (1) dainya-humility, (2) ātma-nivedana-dedication of the self, (3) goptṛtve varaṇa-acceptance of the Lord as one's only maintainer, (4) the consciousness of 'avaśya rakṣibe kṛṣṇa'-'Kṛṣṇa will surely protect me'-which is viśvāsa (faith) in Kṛṣṇa's pālana (protection), (5) bhaki-anukūla-mātra kāryera svīkara-execution of only those acts favorable to pure devotion, and (6) bhakti-pratikūla-bhāva varjanāṅgikāra-renunciation of conduct adverse to pure devotion.

(5)

ṣaḍ-aṅga śaraṇāgati hoibe jāhāra
tāhāra prārthanā śune śrī-nanda-kumāra

5) Śrī Nanda-Kumāra, the youthful son of Nanda Mahārāja, hears the prayers of anyone who takes refuge in Him by this six-fold practice of surrender.

(6)

rūpa-sanātana-pade dante tṛṇa kori'

bhaktivinoda poḍe duhuṅ pada dhori'

6) Bhaktivinoda prostrates himself at the feet of Śrī Rūpa and Śrī Sanātana Goswāmī, places a straw between his teeth, and clasps their lotus feet with his hands.

(7)

kāṅḍiyā kāṅḍiyā bole āmi to' adhama

śikhāye śaraṇāgati koro he uttama

7) Weeping and weeping, he tells them, "I am certainly the lowest of men! Oh please make me the worthiest by teaching me the ways of śaraṇāgati!"

(1)

'gaurāṅga' bolite habe pulaka-śarīra

'hari hari' bolite nayane ba' be nīra

(1) When will that opportune moment come to me when there will be shivering of the body as soon as I chant Lord Gaurāṅga's name? And after the shivering, while chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa, when will there be tears pouring down from my eyes?

(2)

āra kabe nitāi-cānder koruṇā hoibe

samsāra-bāsanā mora kabe tuccha ha'be

(2) When will that day come when Lord Nityānanda's causeless mercy is bestowed upon me so that my desire for material enjoyment becomes very insignificant?

(3)

viṣaya chāriyā kabe śuddha ha 'be mana

kabe hāma herabo śrī-bṛndābana

(3) When my mind is completely purified, being freed from material anxieties and desires, then I shall be able to understand Bṛndāvana and the conjugal love of Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa, and then my spiritual life will be successful.

(4)

rūpa-raghunātha-pade hoibe ākuti

kabe hāma bujhabo se jugala-pīriti

(4) When shall I be very much eager to study the books left by the six Gosvāmīs? One has to learn of the conjugal loving affairs of Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa through the teachings of these six Gosvāmīs.

(5)

rūpa-raghunātha-pade rahu mora āśa

prārthanā koroye sadā narottama-dāsa

(5) Narottama dāsa always wishes to understand this conjugal love under the direction of the six Gosvāmīs.

Ke Jābi Ke Jābi Bhāi

Srila Locana dāsa Ṭhākura

ke jābi ke jābi bhāi bhava-sindhu-pāra

dhanya kali-yugera caitanya-avatāra (1)

Who will go? Who will go, brothers? Who will cross over this ocean of material suffering? This Kali-yuga in which Sri Caitanya-avatāra has appeared is blessed. [Caitanya-avatāra does not come in every Kali-yuga.]

**āmāra gaurānera ghāte adāna-kheyā vaya
jada, andha, ātura avadhi pāra haya (2)**

At the bathing place of my Gaurāṅga, a free ferry-boat is waiting. There is no restriction – everyone is coming, including the lame, blind and distressed. All are climbing aboard to cross over.

**harināmera naukākhāni śri guru kāṅḍāri
sankirtana kheroyāla du'bāhu pasāri (3)**

Harināma is the boat, Sri Guru is the helmsman and the sankirtana party moving with upraised arms are the oars!

**saba jīva haila pāra premera vātāse
paḍiyā rahila locana āpanāra dose (4)**

All souls can cross over with the favorable winds of prema. Only Locana dāsa is so unfortunate that, due to his own fault, he has been left behind.

jīv jāgo

(1)

**jīv jāgo, jīv jāgo, gauracānda bole
kota nidrā yāo māyā-pīśācīra kole**

1) "Wake up, sleeping souls! Wake up, sleeping souls!" Lord Gaurāṅga calls, "You have slept so long in the lap of the witch Māyā!"

(2)

**bhajibo boliyā ese soṁsāra-bhitore
bhuliyā rohile tumi avidyāra bhore**

2) "You came into this world saying, 'O my Lord I will certainly worship You,' but having forgotten this promise you remain in great ignorance.

(3)

**tomāre loite āmi hoinu avatāra
āmi vinā bandhu āra ke āche tomāra**

3) "I have descended to this world just to reclaim you. Other than Myself, who else is your true friend?"

(4)

**enechi auṣadhi māyā nāśibāro lāgi'
hari-nāma mahā-mantra lao tumi māgi'**

4) "I have brought the medicine for destroying the illusion of Māyā. Now beg for this hari-nāma-mahā-mantra and take it."

(5)

**bhaktivinoda prabhu-caraṇe poḍiyā
sei hari-nāma-mantra loilo māgiyā**

5) Bhaktivinoda fell at the lotus feet of Lord Gaurāṅga, and after begging for the holy name he indeed received that mahā-mantra.