

## Bhajahū Re Mana Śrī Nanda-nandana

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### Text One

*bhajahū re mana śrī-nanda-nandana  
abhaya-caraṇāravinda re  
durlabha mānava-janama sat-saṅge  
taroho e bhava-sindhu re*

### SYNONYMS

bhajah—just worship; re mana—O mind!; śrī-nanda-nandana—of the son of Nanda;  
abhaya-caraṇāravinda—the lotus feet which make one fearless; re—O!; durlabha  
mānava-janama—this rare human birth; sat-saṅge—in the association of saintly persons;  
taroho—cross over; e bhava-sindhu—this ocean of worldly existence; re—O!

### TRANSLATION

O mind, just worship the lotus feet of the son of Nanda, which make one fearless.  
Having obtained this rare human birth, cross over this ocean of wordly existence  
through the association of saintly persons.

### Text Two

*śīta ātapa bāta bariṣaṇa  
e dina jāminī jāgi re  
biphale sevinu kṛpaṇa durajana  
capala sukha-laba lāgi' re*

### SYNONYMS

śīta—the cold; ātapa—the heat; bāta—the wind; bariṣaṇa—the rain; e—this; dina—the day;  
yāminī—the night; jāgi—I remain sleepless; re—O!; biphale—uselessly; sevinu—I have  
served; kṛpaṇa durajana—miserly and wicked men; capala—flickering; sukha-lava—a  
fraction of happiness; lāgi'—for the purpose of; re—O!

### TRANSLATION

Day and night I remain sleepless, suffering heat and cold, wind and rain. For a bit of  
flickering happiness I have vainly served wicked and miserly men.

### Text Three

*e dhana, yaubana, putra, parijana  
ithe ki āche paratīti re  
kamala-dala-jala, jīvana ṭalamala  
bhajahū hari-pada nīti re*

### SYNONYMS

e—this; dhana—wealth; yauvana—youthfulness; putra—sons; parijana—family members;  
ithe—in these; ki āche—what is it?; paratīti—understanding; re—O!; kamala-dala—on a

lotus petal; jala—like a drop of water; jivana—this life; ṭalamala—is tottering; bhajah—you should always worship; hari-pada—the divine feet of Lord Hari; nīti—the practice; re—O!

#### TRANSLATION

What assurance of real happiness is there in all of one's wealth, youthfulness, sons, and family members? This life is tottering like a drop of water on a lotus petal; therefore you should always serve and worship the divine feet of Lord Hari.

#### Text Four

*śravaṇa, kīrtana, smaraṇa, vandana,  
pāda-sevana, dāsya re  
pūjana, sakhī-jana, ātma-nivedana  
govinda-dāsa-abhilāṣa re*

#### SYNONYMS

śravaṇa—hearing the glories of Lord Hari; kīrtana—chanting those glories; smaraṇa—constantly remembering Him; vandana—offering prayers to Him; pāda-sevana—serving the Lord's lotus feet; dāsya—serving the Supreme Lord as a servant; re—O!; pūjana—worshiping Him with flowers and incense and so forth; sakhī-jana—serving Him as a friend; ātma-nivedana—and completely offering the Lord one's very self; govinda-dāsa-abhilāṣa—(these nine processes of devotion are) the desire and great longing of Govinda dāsa; re—O!

#### TRANSLATION

It is the desire and great longing of Govinda Dāsa to engage himself in the nine processes of bhakti, namely hearing the glories of Lord Hari and chanting those glories, constantly remembering Him and offering prayers to Him, serving the Lord's lotus feet, serving the Supreme Lord as a servant, worshiping Him with flowers and incense and so forth, serving Him as a friend, and completely offering the Lord one's very self.