

**Ohe! Vaiṣṇava Ṭhākura**  
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Text One

*ohe!*

*vaiṣṇaba ṭhākura, doyāra sāgara,  
e dāse koruṇā kori'  
diyā pada-chāyā, śodho he āmāya,  
tomāra caraṇa dhorī*

SYNONYMS

ohe! vaiṣṇava ṭhākura—O venerable Vaiṣṇava!; doyāra sāgara—O ocean of mercy!; e dāse—to me, your servant; koruṇā kori'—be merciful; diyā pada-chāyā—giving the shade of your lotus feet; śodho he āmāya—O purify me!; tomāra caraṇa—your feet; dhorī—I humbly hold.

TRANSLATION

O venerable Vaiṣṇava, O ocean of mercy, be merciful unto your servant. Give me the shade of your lotus feet and purify me. I hold on to your lotus feet.

Text Two

*chaya bega domi', chaya doṣa śodhi',  
chaya guṇa deho' dāse  
chaya sat-saṅga, deho' he āmāre,  
boshechi saṅgera āse*

SYNONYMS

chaya vega—the six urges; domi'—controlling; chaya doṣa—the six faults; śodhi'—purifying; chaya guṇa—the six good qualities; deho' dāse—please give to your servant; chaya sat-saṅga—the six kinds of holy association; deho' he āmāre—O give me!; bosechi—I have sat down here; saṅgera—of having your company; āse—in the hope.

TRANSLATION

Teach me to control my six passions; rectify my six faults, bestow upon me the six qualities, and offer unto me the six kinds of holy association.

Text Three

*ekākī āmāra, nāhi pāya bala,  
hari-nāma-saṅkīrtane  
tumi kṛpā kori', śraddhā-bindu diyā,  
deho' kṛṣṇa-nāma-dhane*

SYNONYMS

ekākī—alone; āmāra—my; nāhi pāya bala—have no strength; hari-nāma-saṅkīrtane—to chant the holy name of Lord Hari; tumi—you; kṛpā kori'—being merciful; śraddhā—

bindu—a particle of faith; diyā—bestowing; deho'—please give; kṛṣṇa-nāma-dhane—the great treasure of the holy name of Kṛṣṇa.

#### TRANSLATION

I do not find the strength to carry on alone the saṅkīrtana of the holy name of Hari. Please bless me by giving me just one drop of faith with which to obtain the great treasure of the holy name of Kṛṣṇa.

#### Text Four

*kṛṣṇa se tomāra, kṛṣṇa dite pāro,  
tomāra śakati āche  
āmi to' kāṅgala, 'kṛṣṇa' 'kṛṣṇa' boli',  
dhāi tava pāche pāche*

#### SYNONYMS

kṛṣṇa se—that Kṛṣṇa; tomāra—is yours; kṛṣṇa dite pāro—you are able to give Kṛṣṇa; tomāra śakati—your power; āche—is; āmi—I; to'—indeed; kāṅgala—am wretched; 'kṛṣṇa' 'kṛṣṇa' boli'—crying Kṛṣṇa! Kṛṣṇa!; dhāi—I run; tava pāche pāche—behind you.

#### TRANSLATION

Kṛṣṇa is yours; you have the power to give Him to me. I am simply running behind you shouting, "Kṛṣṇa! Kṛṣṇa!"

\*The six passions are those pertaining to words, the mind, anger, the tongue, the stomach and the genitals. The six faults are overeating, attachment to material things, inability to follow regulative principles, sense gratification, useless idle talk, and impure habits. The six positive qualities are enthusiasm in practicing devotional service, firm faith in devotional processes, a strong desire to attain prema-bhakti, a favorable service attitude, avoidance of non-devotees, and appreciation of the company of devotees. The six methods of association are to go to an assembly of devotees, to invite devotees into one's home, to discuss and hear devotional topics, to take the mahā-prasāda of devotees and to offer mahā-prasāda to devotees.