

Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa Bol

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Text One

'rādhā-kṛṣṇa' bol bol bolo re sobāi
(ei) śikhā diyā, sab nadīyā
phirche nece' gaura-nitāi
(miche) māyār boṣe, jāccho bhese',
khāccho hābuḍubu, bhāi

SYNONYMS

'rādhā-kṛṣṇa' bol bol bolo—everyone chant, chant, chant, 'Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa!'; re—oh!; sobāi—everyone; (ei) śikhā—this teaching; diyā—giving; sab nadīyā—all over the land of Nadia; phirche—wandering around; nece'—while dancing; gaura-nitāi—Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda; (miche)—needlessly; māyār boṣe—under the control of māyā; yāccho bhese'—carried away by the waves; khāccho hābuḍubu—sometimes floating and sometimes sinking; bhāi—O brothers!

TRANSLATION

Chant, chant "Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa!" Everyone chant! When Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda came dancing through Nadia, They gave these teachings: Chant, chant "Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa!" Everyone chant! You are caught up in a whirlpool of senseless action and are sinking lower and lower. Chant, chant "Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa!" Everyone chant!

Text Two

(jīv) kṛṣṇa-dās, e biśwās,
korle to' ār duḥkho nāi
(kṛṣṇa) bolbe jabe, pulak ha'be
jhorbe ānkhi, boli tāi

SYNONYMS

jīv—the spirit soul; kṛṣṇa-dās—the eternal servant of Kṛṣṇa; e viśvās korle—if you have this faith; to'—then; ār duḥkho nāi—there will be no more misery; (kṛṣṇa) bolbe jabe—when you chant the holy name of Kṛṣṇa; pulak ha'be—your body will shiver in ecstasy; jhorbe ānkhi—your eyes will shed tears; boli tāi—this is what I say.

TRANSLATION

If you just understand that the spirit soul is the eternal servant of Kṛṣṇa, you will never have any more sorrows. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and your eyes will fill with tears and your body will feel transcendental shivering. Chant, chant "Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa!" Everyone chant!

Text Three

*(rādhā) kṛṣṇa' bolo, saṅge calo,
ei-mātra bhikhā cāi
(jāy) sakal'vipod bhaktivinod
bole, jakhon o-nām gāi*

SYNONYMS

(rādhā) kṛṣṇa' bolo—chant “Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa”; saṅge calo—please join with us; ei-mātra—only this; bhikhā—request; cāi—do I beg; (jay) sakal vipod—all dangers go away; bhaktivinod bole—Ṭhākura Bhaktivinoda says; yakhon—when; o-nām gāi—I chant those holy names.

TRANSLATION

Simply chant "Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa" and join with us. Those are the only alms we beg. Chant, chant "Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa!" Everyone chant! "All dangers will be gone when that Name is chanted," says Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura. Chant, chant "Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa!" Everyone chant!