



Bhoga-ārati
(from Gētāvalē)

(at Ōhākura Bhaktivinoda's home at Surabhi-kuīja in Godruàa-dvépa)

- (1)
bhaja bhakata-vatsala çré-gaurahari
çré-gaurahari sohi goñña-bihäre
nanda-jaçomaté-citta-hari
- (2)
belä ho'lo dämodara äisa ekhano
bhoga-mandire bosī' koraho bhojana
- (3)
nandera nideçe baise giri-bara-dhäre
baladeva-saha sakhä baise säri sari
- (4)
çuktä-çäkädi bhäji nälitä kuñmäëòà
däli dälñä dugdha-tumbé dadhi mocä-khaëòà
- (5)
mudga-borä mäña-borä roökä ghätänna
çañkulé piññaka khér puli päyasänna
- (6)
karpüra amäta—keli rambhä khéra-sära
amäta rasälä, amla dwädaça prakära
- (7)
luci cini sarpuré läòòu rasäbalé
bhojana korena kãñëa ho'ye kutühalé
- (8)
rädhikära pakka anna vividha byäi jana
parama änande kãñëa korena bhojana
- (9)
chale-bale läòòu khäy çré-madhumaì gala
bagala bäjy ära drya hari-bolo
- (10)
rädhikädi gaëe heri' nayanera koëe
täpta ho'ye khäy kãñëa jaçodä-bhavane
- (11)
bhojanänte piye kãñëa subäsita bäri
sabe mukha prakhäloy ho'ye säri sari
- (12)
hasta-mukha prakhäliyä jata sakhä-gaëe
änande biçräma kore baladeva-sane
- (13)
jambula rasäla äne tämbüla-masälä
tähä kheyë kãñëa-candra sukhe nidrä gelä

(14)

biçäläkha çikhi-puccha-cāmara òhuläya
apürba çayyäya kånëa sukhe nidrä jäya.

(15)

jaçomaté-äji ä pe'ye dhaniñöhä-änéto
çré-kånëa-prasāda rādhā bhui je ho'ye préto

(16)

lalitādi sakhé-gaëa avaçeña päya
mane mane sukhe rādhā-kånëa-guëa gäya

(17)

hari-lēä ek-mātra jāhāra pramoda
bhogārati gāy òhākur bhaktivinoda

Translation:

(1) Just worship Çré Gaurahari, who is always affectionate toward His devotees. He is the same Supreme Godhead, Kånëa, who sported in the cowherd pastures of Vraja and stole the hearts of Nanda and Yaçodā.

(2) Mother Yaçodā calls to Kånëa, "My dear Dāmodara, it is very late. Please come right now, sit down in the dining hall, and take Your lunch."

(3) On the direction of Nanda Mahārāja, Kånëa, the holder of Govardhana Hill, sits down, and then all the cowherd boys, along with Kånëa's elder brother, Çré Baladeva, sit down in rows to take their lunch.

(4) They are then served a feast of çuktā and various kinds of green leafy vegetables, then nice fried things, and a salad made of the green leaves of the jute plant. They are also served pumpkin, baskets of fruit, small square cakes made of lentils and cooked-down milk, then thick yogurt, squash cooked in milk, and vegetable preparations made from the flower of the banana tree.

(5) Then they receive fried squares of mung dahl patties, and urad dahl patties, capätés, and rice with ghee. Next, sweets made with milk, sugar, and sesamum; rice flour cakes; thick cooked-down milk; cakes floating in milk; and sweet rice.

(6) There is also sweet rice that tastes just like nectar due to its being mixed with camphor. There are bananas, and cheese which is nectarean and delicious. They are also served twelve kinds of sour preparations made with tamarinds, limes, lemons, oranges, and pomegranates.

(7) There are purés made with white flour and sugar; purés filled with cream; laòòus; and dahl patties boiled in sugared rice. Kånëa eagerly eats all of the food.]

(8) In great ecstasy and joy Kånëa eats the rice, curried vegetables, sweets, and pastries cooked by Çrématé Rādhārāëé.

(9) Kånëa's funny brāhmaëa friend Madhumai gala, who is very fond of laòòus, gets them by hook or by crook. Eating the laòòus, he shouts, "Haribol! Haribol!" and makes a funny sound by slapping his sides under his armpits with his hands.

(10) Beholding Rādhārāëé and Her gopé friends out of the corners of His eyes, Kånëa eats at the house of mother Yaçodā with great satisfaction.

(11) After lunch, Kånëa drinks rose-scented water. Then all of the boys, standing in lines, wash their mouths.

(12) After all the cowherd boys wash their hands and mouths, in great bliss they take rest with Lord Balarāma.

(13) The two cowherd boys Jambula and Rasāla then bring Kånëa pān made with betel nuts, fancy spices, and catechu. After eating that pān, Çré Kånëacandra then happily goes to sleep.

(14) While Kånëa happily takes His rest on an excellent bedstead, His servant Viçälākñā cools Him with a fan of peacock feathers.

(15) At mother Yaçodā's request the gopé Dhaniñöhä brings remnants of food left on Kånëa's plate to Çrématé Rādhārāëé, who eats them with great delight.

(16) Lalitā-devé and the other gopés then receive the remnants, and within their hearts they sing the glories of Rādhārāée and Kāñëa with great joy.

(17) Öhäkura Bhaktivinoda, whose one and only joy is the pastimes of Lord Hari, sings this Bhoga-ärati song.