



Song Name: Kabe Gaura Vane
Official Name: Siddhi Lalasa (Wandering madly in Navadvipa)
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(1)

kabe gaura-vane, suradhunī-taṭe,
'hā rādhe hā kṛṣṇa' bole'
kāṅdiyā beḍā'bo, deho-sukha chāḍi',
nānā latā-taru-tale

(2)

śwa-paca-gṛhete, māgiyā khāibo,
pibo saraswatī-jala
puline puline, gaḍā-gaḍi dibo,
kori' kṛṣṇa-kolāhala

(3)

dhāma-bāsī jane, pranati koriyā,
māgibo kṛpāra leśa
vaiṣṇava-caraṇa- reṇu gāya mākhī',
dhori' avadhūta-veśa

(4)

gauḍa-braja-jane, bheda nā dekhibo,
hoibo baraja-bāsī
dhāmera swarūpa, sphuribe nayane,
hoibo rādhāra dāsī

TRANSLATION

1) When, oh when will I wander here and there, weeping under the shade of the trees and creepers along the banks of the celestial Ganges River in Navadvipa? I will cry out "Oh Radhe! Oh Krsna!", and I will completely forget about all the so-called pleasures of this material body.

2) When will I be able to live so simply by begging some food from the homes of the untouchables who live here and there? I will drink the water of the Sarasvati, and in ecstasy I will roll to and fro on the banks of the river, raising a loud uproar of "Krsna! Krsna!"

3) When will I bow down to all the inhabitants of the holy land of Navadvipa and receive a bit of their causeless mercy? I will smear the dust of the Vaisnavas' lotus feet all over my body, and I will wear the dress of a mad wandering mendicant.

4) When I factually observe that the transcendental land of Navadvipa is non different from Sri Vraja-bhumi, then I shall be transformed into a Vrajabasi also. Then I will see the true form of the transcendental realm opening up before my very eyes, and I will thus become one of the maidservants of Srimati Radharani.