



Iñā-deve Vijī apti
Prayer to One's Beloved Lord
(from Prārthanā)

(1)
hari hari! bifale janama goi āinu
manuñya-janama päiyā, rādhā-kāñēa nā bhajiyā,
jäniyā çuniyā viña khāinu

(2)
golokera prema-dhana, hari-nāma-sai kértana,
rati nā janmilo kene täy
saà sära-biññānale, dibā-niçi hiyā jwale,
jurāite nā koinu upäy

(3)
Vrajendra-nandana jei, çacé-suta hoilo sei,
balarāma hoilo nitāi
déna-héna jata chilo, hari-nāme uddhārilo,
tāra çākñē jagāi mādhai

(4)
hā hā prabhu nanda-suta, vāñabhānu-sutā-juta,
koruēā karoho ei-bāro
narottama-dāsa koy, nā ōheliho rāi gā päy,
tomā bine ke āche āmāra

Translation:

(1) O Lord Hari, I have spent my life uselessly. Having obtained a human birth and having not worshiped Rādhā and Kāñēa, I have knowingly drunk poison.

(2) The treasure of divine love in Goloka Vāndāvana has descended as the congregational chanting of Lord Hari's holy names. Why did my attraction for that chanting never come about? Day and night my heart burns from the fire of the poison of worldliness, and I have not taken the means to relieve it.

(3) Lord Kāñēa, who is the son of the King of Vraja, became the son of Çacé (Lord Caitanya), and Balarāma became Nitāi. The holy name delivered all those souls who were lowly and wretched. The two sinners Jagāi and Mādhai are evidence of this.

(4) O Lord Kāñēa, son of Nanda, accompanied by the daughter of Vāñabhānu, please be merciful to me now. Narottama dāsa says, "O Lord, please do not push me away from Your reddish lotus feet, for who is my beloved except for You?"