



**Sakhé-vānde Viji apti**  
**Prayer to the Sakhés**  
**(from Prārthanā)**

- (1)  
rādhā-kāñēa prāēa mora jugala-kiçora  
jévane maraēe gati āro nāhi mora
- (2)  
kālindéra küle keli-kadambera vana  
ratana-bedéra upara bosābo du'jana
- (3)  
çyāma-gauré-aì ge dibo (cüwä) candanera gandha  
cāmara òhulābo kabe heri mukha-candra
- (4)  
gāthiyā mālātér mälā dibo dohāra gale  
adhare tuliyā dibo karpūra-tāmbüle
- (6)  
çré-kāñēa-caitanya-prabhur dāser anudāsa  
sevā abhilāña kore narottama-dāsa
- (5)  
lalitā viçākhā-ādi jata sakhé-bānda  
ājī āya koribo sebā caraēāravinda

**Translation:**

- (1) The divine couple, Çré Çré Rādhā and Kāñēa, are my life and soul. In life or death I have no other refuge but Them.
- (2) In a forest of small kadamba trees on the bank of the Yamunā, I will seat the divine couple on a throne made of brilliant jewels.
- (3) I will anoint Their dark and fair forms with sandalwood paste scented with cüyā, and I will fan Them with a cāmara whisk. Oh, when will I behold Their moonlike faces?
- (4) After stringing together garlands of mālāté flowers I will place them around Their necks, and I will offer tāmbūla scented with camphor to Their lotus mouths.
- (5) With the permission of all the sakhés, headed by Lalitā and Viçākhā, I will serve the lotus feet of Rādhā and Kāñēa.
- (6) Narottama dāsa, the servant of the servant of Çré Kāñēa Caitanya Prabhu, longs for this service to the divine couple.