

# ŚRĪ LAKṢMĪNṚSĪMHA KARĀVALAMBA STOTRAM

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This hymn of Śaṅkarabhagavatpāda in the Vasantatilaka metre is also known as Saṅkaṣṭanāśana Lakṣmīnṛsīmhasotra. Among the 17 verses furnished here as representing the South Indian tradition, verses 10, 12, 14 and 16 are not found in the North Indian tradition containing only 13 verses.

The only account in the Mādhaviya Śaṅkaravijaya which accounts for its composition at the time of Bhagavatpāda's return to his own body after discarding the body of King Amaruka which he had entered after the latter's death in order to gain they knowledge of the science of love, has been discredited.

This hymn is a fervent appeal to the benevolent Man-lion form of Lord Viṣṇu in the company of His consort Lakṣmī.

Man-lion (Narasīmha) is one of the ten manifestations of Lord Viṣṇu assumed by Him to

protect His devotee Prahlāda and to slay Prahlāda's father Hiranyaśipu. The form of Nṛsimha in the company of His consort Lakṣmī, known as Mālola Nṛsimha, is one of His nine Nṛsimha forms which are enumerated in the following verse :

ज्वालाहोबिलमालोलक्रोडकारञ्जभार्गवाः ।  
योगानन्दश्छत्रवटः पावनो नव मूर्तयः ॥

(1)

श्रीमत्पयोनिधिनिकेतन चक्रपाणे  
भोगीन्द्रभोगमणिरञ्जितपुण्यमूर्ते ।  
योगीश शाश्वत शरण्य भवाब्धिपोत  
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

*śrīmatpayonidhiniketana cakrapāṇe  
bhogīन्द्रbhogamaṇirañjitapuṇyamūrte  
yogīśa śāśvata śaraṇya bhavābdhipota  
lakṣmīnṛsimha mama dehi karāvalambam*

Oh! Lord Lakṣmīnṛsimha! one who has the holy milky ocean as the abode, the holder of the disc in the arm, the possessor of a meritorious form adorned by the gems of the lord of serpents (Śeṣa), the master of yogins, the eternal, the refuge, the boat for crossing the ocean of birth and death, extend to me (thy) supporting hand.

(2)

ब्रह्मेन्द्ररुद्रमरुदर्ककिरीटकोटि-

सङ्घट्टिताङ्घ्रिकमलामलकान्तिकान्त ।

लक्ष्मीलसत्कुचसरोरुहराजहंस

लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

*brahmendrarudramarudarkakirīṭakoṭi-*

*saṅghaṭṭitāṅghrikamalāmalakāntikānta*

*lakṣmīlasatkucasaroruharājahaṁsa*

*lakṣmīnṛsimha mama dehi karāvalambam*

Oh! Lord Lakṣmīnṛsimha! One who shines with pure lustre of the lotus feet rubbed by the countless crowns of Brahmā, Indra, Rudra, Maruts, and Sun (and others), the royal swan that inhabits the lotus breasts of Goddess Lakṣmī, extend to me (thy) supporting hand.

(3)

संसारदावदहनातुरभीकरोरु-

ज्वालावलीभिरतिदग्धतनूरुहस्य ।

त्वत्पादपद्मसरसीशरणागतस्य

लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

*saṁsāradāvadahanaṭurabhīkaroru-*

*jvālāvalībhiratidagdhatanūruhasya*

*vatpādapadmasarasīśaraṇāgatasya*

*lakṣmīnṛsimha mama dehi karāvalambam*

Oh! Lord Lakṣmīnṛsīmha! extend (thy) supporting hand to me who have resorted to the k in the form of your lotus feet, (myself) being icted by the heat of the forest fire of worldly stence with hair burnt down by the frightening l extensive columns of fire.

(4)

संसारजालपतितस्य जगन्निवास  
सर्वेन्द्रियार्थ-बडिशार्थझषोपमस्य ।  
प्रोत्खण्डितप्रचुरतालुकमस्तकस्य  
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

*sāmsārajālapatitasya jagannivāsa  
sarvendriyārthabadiśārthajhaṣopamasya  
protkhaṇḍitapracuratālukamastakasya  
lakṣmīnṛsīmha mama dehi karāvalāmbam*

Oh! Lakṣmīnṛsīmha ! Omnipresent! extend (thy) supporting hand to me who have fallen into the nets worldly existence being drawn by the objects of the sense-organs like fish drawn by the hook, h head and cheeks rent asunder.

(5)

संसारकूपमतिघोरमगाधमूलं  
संप्राप्य दुःखशतसर्पसमाकुलस्य ।  
दीनस्य देव कृपया पदमागतस्य  
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

*saṁsāarakūpamatighoramagādhamūlaṁ  
samprāpya duḥkhaśatasarpasamākulasya  
dīnasya deva kṛpayā padamāgatasya  
lakṣmīṅśimha mama dehi karāvalambam*

Oh! Lord Lakṣmīṅśimha! kindly extend (thy) supporting hand to me who has been tormented by serpents in the form of hundreds of miseries after having reached the bottom of the unfathomable well of frightening worldly existence and who in distress have resorted to your feet.

(6)

संसारभीकरकरीन्द्रकराभिघात-  
निष्पिष्टमर्मवपुषः सकलार्तिनाश ।  
प्राणप्रयाणभवभीतिसमाकुलस्य  
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

*saṁsārabhīkarakarīndrakarābhighāta-  
niṣpiṣṭamarmavapuṣaḥ sakalārtināśa  
prāṇaprayāṇabhavabhītisamākulasya  
lakṣmīṅśimha mama dehi karāvalambam*

Oh! Lord Lakṣmīṅśimha! Lord - the destroyer of all miseries ! extend (thy) supporting hand on me whose vital parts of the body have been ground by the pounding of the trunk of the frightening elephant of worldly existence, and who have been tormented by the fear of mundane life and death.

(7)

संसारसर्पघनवक्त्रभयोग्रतीव्र-  
दंष्ट्राकरालविषदग्धविनष्टमूर्तेः ।  
नागारिवाहन सुधाब्धिनिवास शौरे  
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

*saṁsārasarpaghanavaktrabhayogrativra-  
daṁṣṭrākarālavīṣadagdhavinaṣṭamūrteḥ  
nāgārivāhana sudhābdhinivāsa śaure  
lakṣmīnṛsimha mama dehi karāvalambam*

Oh! Lord Lakṣmīnṛsimha! Śauri (Viṣṇu)!  
Resident of the milky ocean! One who has the enemy  
of the serpents (Garuḍa) as (your) vehicle! extend  
thy supporting hand to me who am ruined and burnt  
by the severe and dreadful poison from the fangs of  
frightening wide mouth of the serpent of worldly  
existence.

(8)

संसारवृक्षमघबीजमनन्तकर्म-  
शाखाशतं करणपत्रमनङ्गपुष्पम् ।  
आरुह्य दुःखफलिनं पततो दयालो  
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

*saṁsāravṛkṣamaghabījamanantakarma-  
śākhāśataṁ karaṇapatramanaṅgapuṣpam  
āruhya duḥkhalinaṁ patato dayālo  
lakṣmīnṛsimha mama dehi karāvalambam*

Oh! Lord Lakṣmīnṛṣimha ! The most compassionate! extend (thy) supporting hand to me who am falling from the tree of worldly life - the tree whose seeds are the sins, countless branches are the manifold acts, leaves are the sense-organs, flower is the Cupid, and fruits are the miseries.

(9)

संसारसागरविशालकरालकाल-  
नक्रग्रहग्रसननिग्रहविग्रहस्य ।  
व्यग्रस्य रागनिचयोर्मिनिपीडितस्य  
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

*samsārasāgaraviśālakarālakāla-*  
*nakragrahagrasananigrahavigrahasya*  
*vyagrasya rāganicayorminipīditasya*  
*lakṣmīnṛṣimha mama dehi karāvalambam*

Oh! Lord Lakṣmīnṛṣimha! extend (thy) supporting hand to me whose body is being seized and eaten up by the dreadful and deadly crocodiles in the ocean of worldly existence, and who have been frightened and afflicted by the tides of attachment.

(10)

संसारसागरनिमज्जनमुह्यमानं  
दीनं विलोक्य विभो करुणानिधे माम् ।  
प्रह्लादखेदपरिहारकृतावतार  
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

*saṁsārasāgaranimajjanamuhyamānaṁ*

*dīnaṁ vilokaya vibho karuṇānidhe mām*

*prahlādakhedaparihārakṛtāvātāra*

*lakṣmīṁṣimha mama dehi karāvalambam*

Oh! Lord Lakṣmīṁṣimha! One who has manifested and dispelled the grief of Prahlāda! Oh! Lord! The Treasure of compassion! look at me, the poor fellow, who am being stupefied on account of being drowned in the ocean of worldly existence.

(11)

संसारघोरगहने चरतो मुरारे

मारोग्रभीकरमृगप्रवरार्दितस्य ।

आर्तस्य मत्सरनिदाघनिपीडितस्य

लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

*saṁsāraghoragahane carato murāre*

*mārograbhikaramṛgapravarārditasya*

*ārtasya matsaranidāghanipīditasya*

*lakṣmīṁṣimha mama dehi karāvalambam*

Oh! Lord Lakṣmīṁṣimha! Enemy of Mura! extend (thy) supporting hand to me who am roaming about in the frightening forest of worldly existence, and who am tormented by the frightening king of animals (lion) in the form of Cupid and afflicted by jealousy in the form of summer.



(12)

बद्ध्वा गले यमभटा बहु तर्जयन्तः  
कर्षन्ति यत्र भवपाशशतैर्युतं माम् ।  
एकाकिनं परवशं चकितं दयालो  
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

*baddhvā gale yamabhaṭā bahu tarjayantaḥ  
karṣanti yatra bhavapāśaśatairyutaṁ mām  
ekākinaṁ paravaśaṁ cakitaṁ dayālo  
lakṣmīnṛsiṁha mama dehi karāvalambam*

The servants of Yama (the god of death), having bound me in the neck, and threatening (me) repeatedly are dragging me somewhere who am surrounded by hundreds of noose in the form of the worldly existence. Oh! Compassionate (Lord) Lakṣmīnṛsiṁha! extend (thy) supporting hand to me who am alone, a dependent and frightened.

(13)

लक्ष्मीपते कमलनाभ सुरेश विष्णो  
वैकुण्ठ कृष्ण मधुसूदन पुष्कराक्ष ।  
ब्रह्मण्य केशव जनार्दन वासुदेव  
देवेश देहि कृपणस्य करावलम्बम् ॥

*lakṣmīpate kamalanābha sureśa viṣṇo  
vaikuṅṭha kṛṣṇa madhusūdana puṣkarākṣa  
brahmaṇya keśava janārdana vāsudeva  
deveśa dehi kṛpaṇasya karāvalambam*

Oh! Lord of Lakṣmī! One who has the lotus in the navel! Lord of the celestials! Lord Viṣṇu! Vaikuṅṭha! Kṛṣṇa! Slayer of the (demon) Madhu! Lotus-eyed! Brahman! Keśava! Janārdana! Vāsudeva! Lord of the gods! extend (thy) supporting hand to (this) poor creature.

(14)

एकेन चक्रमपरेण करेण शङ्खमन्येन सिन्धुतनयामवलम्ब्य तिष्ठन् ।  
वामेतरेण वरदाभयपद्मचिह्नं लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

*ekena cakramapareṇa kareṇa śaṅkhama-  
nyena sindhutanayāmaivalambya tiṣṭhan  
vāmetareṇa varadābhayapadmachihnaṁ  
lakṣmīnṛsimha mama dehi karāvalambam*

Oh! Lord Lakṣmīnṛsimha! One who stands holding the disc in one (hand) and the conch in the other hand, and embracing the daughter of the ocean (Lakṣmī) with yet another hand and (indicating) the propitiousness, protection and the lotus symbol with the right (hand)! extend (thy) supporting hand to me.

(15)

अन्धस्य मे हृतविवेकमहाधनस्य  
चौरैः प्रभो बलिभिरिन्द्रियनामधेयैः ।  
मोहान्धकूपकुहरे विनिपातितस्य  
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

*andhasya me hṛtavivekamahādhanasya  
coraiḥ prabho balibhirindriyanāmadheyaiḥ  
mohāndhakūpakuhare vinipātitasya  
lakṣmīṅśimha mama dehi karāvalambam*

Oh! Lord Lakṣmīṅśimha! extend (thy) supporting hand to me who am blind and who have been thrown into the dark well of infatuation by the powerful thieves called the sense-organs and whose great wealth of discrimination has been taken away.

(16)

प्रह्लादनारदपराशरपुण्डरीक-  
व्यासादिभागवतपुङ्गवहृन्निवास ।  
भक्तानुरक्तपरिपालनपारिजात  
लक्ष्मीनुसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

*prahlādanāradaparāśara-puṇḍarīka-  
vyāsādibhāgavata-puṅgavahṛnnivāsa  
bhaktānuraktaparipālanapārijāta  
lakṣmīṅśimha mama dehi karāvalambam*

Oh! (Lord) Lakṣmīṅśimha ! The resident in the hearts of the excellent devotees such as Prahlāda, Nārada, Parāśara, Puṇḍarīka, Vyāsa and others! One who is similar to the Pārijāta (tree) and compassionately protects the devotees! extend (thy) supporting hand to me.

लक्ष्मीनृसिंहचरणाब्जमधुव्रतेन  
 स्तोत्रं कृतं शुभकरं भुवि शङ्करेण ।  
 ये तत्पठन्ति मनुजा हरिभक्तियुक्ता-  
 स्ते यान्ति तत्पदसरोजमखण्डरूपम् ॥

*lakṣmīnṛsīṃhacaraṇābjamadhuvratena*  
*stotraṃ kṛtaṃ śubhakaraṃ bhuvi śaṅkareṇa*  
*ye tatpathanti manujā haribhaktiyuktās-*  
*te yānti tatpadasarojamakhaṇḍarūpam*

This hymn which yields good in (this) world has been composed by the honey-bee Śaṅkara resting on the lotus feet of (Lord) Lakṣmīnṛsīṃha. Those people who read this (hymn) with devotion to Viṣṇu will reach that blissful lotus feet (of Lord Lakṣmīnṛsīṃha).

