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Śrī-Nityānandāṣṭaka
Śrīla Vṛndāvana dāsa Thākura

sarac-candra-bhrāntim sphurad-amala-kāntim gaja-gatim
hari-premonmattam dhṛta-parama-sattvam smita-mukham
sadāghūrnan-netram kara-kalita-vetram kali-bhidam
bhaje nityānandam bhajana-taru-kandam niravadhi

I worship Lord Nityānanda, the limitless root of the tree of devotional service. As He walks with the grace of a majestic elephant, His pure, splendid beauty shines like the full autumn moon. Though He Himself is the Absolute Truth, He is maddened with pure love for Lord Hari. He smiles as He rolls His eyes in apparent intoxication, He carries a stick in His hand [in the mood of a cowherd boy], and He breaks the power of the Age of Kali.

rasānām āgāram svajana-gana-sarvasvam atulam
tadiyaikā-prāṇa-pramita-vasudhā-jāhnava-patim
sadā-premonmādām param aviditām manda-manasām
bhaje nityānandam bhajana-taru-kandam niravadhi

I worship Lord Nityānanda, the limitless root of the tree of devotional service. He is the abode of the mellows of devotional service, and no one can be compared to Him. He is the be-all and end-all for His devotees, and the husband of Vasudhā and Jāhnava, to whom He is more dear than life itself. Because He is always maddened with pure love for Kṛṣṇa, the foolish nondevotees cannot understand that He is the Supreme Personality of Godhead Himself.

śaci-sūnu-preṣṭhamnikhila-jagad-iṣṭam sukha-mayan
kalau majjaj-jivoddharana-karanoddāma-karanam
harer ākhyaṇād vā bhava-jaladhi-garovnati-haram
bhaje nityānandam bhajana-taru-kandam niravadhi

I worship Lord Nityānanda, the limitless root of the tree of devotional service. He is very dear to the son of Śacī-devi and is worshiped by the entire universe. Out of His great mercy He chants the holy name of Lord Hari, thus rescuing the souls drowning in the age of Kali and crushing the pride of the ocean of repeated birth and death.

ayebhrātar nīnām kali-kalūśinām kim nu bhavitā
tathā praśaṇcittam racaya yad-anāyāsata ime
vrajanti tvāṁ ittham saha bhagavatā mantrayati yo
bhaje nityānandam bhajana-taru-kandam niravadhī
dharmāṇāṁ abhavat ānāṁ yad ābhavantāṁ
bhajanto bhuṅgūḥ bhajanto bhajanti

I worship Lord Nityānanda, the limitless root of the tree of devotional service. He said to Lord Caitanya, “O brother, the people are all becoming infected by the sins of Kali-yuga. How will they atone for these sins? Please give them a way to easily approach You.”

yatṛṣtham re bhrātah kuru hari-hari-dvānam anīṣam
tato vah samsārāmbudhi-taranā-dāyo mayi laget
idad bāhu-sphotaḥ atati ratayan yah pratigrham
bhaje nityānandam bhajana-taru-kandam niravadhī

dharmāṇāṁ abhavat ānāṁ yad ābhavantāṁ
bhajanto bhuṅgūḥ bhajanto bhajanti

I worship Lord Nityānanda, the limitless root of the tree of devotional service. He went to each house in Bengal and, raising His arms, said, “O brother, if you will, please constantly chant the holy name of Lord Hari. If you do this, you will become free from the ocean of repeated a death. Please give Me this gift of your liberation.”

balāt samsārāmbhoniḥ-piḥ kāśyopākāśaḥ-kumbhodbhavam aho
satām śṛṇām-sindōṁ-nilanākumuda-bandhām samudītaṁ
khala-srenī-sphoṭaṁ-sāmjaṇa-karaṁ-sūrya-prabham aham
bhaje nityānandam bhajana-taru-kandam niravadhī

I worship Lord Nityānanda, the limitless root of the tree of devotional service. He is the Agastya Muni who forcibly swallows the ocean of repeated death. He is a rising full moon (friend of the night-blooming lotus) who expands the ocean of the saints’ good fortune. He is the blazing sun who extinguishes the darkness of the community of demons.

natantām gāyantām harim anuvadantām pādi pāthī
vrajantām pāṣāntām svam api na dayantām jana-gaṇam
prakurvanantām santam sa-karaṁ-drīg-antam prakalvanāday
bhaje nityānandam bhajana-taru-kandam niravadhī

I worship Lord Nityānanda, the limitless root of the tree of devotional service. He traveled on every path, dancing, singing the names of Lord Hari, and describing His glories. Without considering His own interests, He was merciful to the people, and He cast upon them His merciful sidelong glance.

su-bibhrāṇāṁ bhrātah kara-sarasijāṁ komalatāṁ
mitho vākralokocchalita-paramānanda-hṛdayām
bhramantāṁ mādhuryair ahaṁ madhayantāṁ pura-janāṁ
bhaje nityänandam bhajana-taru-kandam niravadhi

I worship Lord Nityänanda, the limitless root of the tree of devotional service. He fondly grasped His brother Lord Caitanya's soft and beautiful lotus hand, and together they wandered here and there, delighting the townspeople with Their sweet beauty. They both became filled with bliss when They gazed upon each other's lotus faces.

rasânāṁ ādīrām rasika-vara-sad-vaiśnava-dhanam
rasāgāram sāram patita-tāti-tāram smaranatah
param nityänandaśṭakam idam apūrvam pathati yah
tad-anghri-dvandvābjaṁ sphuratu nitarām tasya hṛdaye

These eight verses glorifying Lord Nityänanda are the abode of the mellow of devotional service, and they are the wealth of the pure devotees expert at relishing those mellow. All the fallen, conditioned souls can get liberation just by remembering them. These verses are very excellent, transcendental, and unprecedented. May the two lotus feet of Lord Nityänanda appear eternally in the hearts of those who read these verses and remember the Lord.