

Sri Damodarastakam

Below is the translation found in the first ISKCON songbook, published in 1974. Fill in the words that would go in the blanks to complete each verse translation.

namamisvaram sac-cid-ananda-rupam

lasat-kundalam gokule bhrajamanam

yasoda-bhiyolukalad-dhavamanam

paramrstam atyam tato drutya gopya

1) To the supreme controller, who possesses and eternal form of blissful _____, whose glistening earrings swing to and fro, who manifest Himself in Gokula, who stole the _____ that the _____ kept hanging from the rafters of their storerooms and who then quickly jumped up and ran in retreat in fear of Mother _____ but was ultimately caught - to that Supreme Lord, Sri _____, I offer my humble obeisances.

rudantam muhur netra-yugmam mrjantam

karambhoja-yugmena satanka-netram

muhuh svasa-kampa-tri-rekhanka-kantha-

sthita-graiva damodaram bhakti-baddham

2) Upon seeing His mother's whipping _____, He cried and rubbed His _____ again and again with His two lotus hands. His eyes were fearful and His breathing quick, and as Mother Yasoda bound His belly with _____, He shivered in fright and His _____ necklace shook. To this Supreme Lord, Sri Damodara, I offer my humble obeisances.

itidrk sva-lilabhir ananda-kunde

sva-ghosam nimajjantam akhyapayantam

tadiyesita-jnesu bhaktair jitatvam

punah prematas tam satavrtti vande

3) Those superexcellent pastimes of Lord Krsna's babyhood drowned the inhabitants of Gokula in pools of _____. To the devotees who are attracted only to His majestic aspect of _____ in Vaikuntha, the Lord herein reveals: "I am conquered and overwhelmed by pure loving _____." To the Supreme Lord, Damodara, my obeisances hundreds and hundreds of times.

varam deva! moksam na moksavadhim va

na canyam vrne 'ham varesad apiha

idam te vapur natha! gopala-balam

sada me manasy avirastam kim anyaih

4) O Lord, although You are able to give all kinds of _____, I do not pray to You for _____, nor eternal life in Vaikuntha, nor any other boon. My only prayer is that Your childhood pastimes may constantly appear in my _____. O Lord, I do not even want to know your feature of Paramatma. I simply wish that Your childhood pastimes may ever be enacted in my _____.

*idam te mukhambhojam avyakta-nilair
vrtam kuntalaih nigdha-raktais ca gopya
muhus cumbitam bimba-raktadharam me
manasy avirastam alam laksa-labhaih*

5) O Lord, the _____ of Your blackish lotus face, which is encircled by locks of curling hair, have become reddened like _____ fruits due to Mother Yasoda's _____. What more can I describe than this? _____ of opulences are of no use to me, but may this vision constantly remain in my mind.

*namo deva! damodarananta! visno!
prasida prabho! dukkha-jalabdhi-magnam
krpa-drsti-vrstyati-dinam batanu-
grhanesa! mam ajnam edhy aksi-drtyah*

6) O unlimited _____! O master! O Lord! Be pleased upon me! I am drowning in an ocean of _____ and am almost like a dead _____. Please shower the rain of _____ on me; uplift me and protect me with Your nectarean vision.

*kuveratmajau baddha-murtyaiva yad-vat
tvaya mocitau bhakti-bhajau krtau ca
tatha prema-bhaktim svakam me prayaccha
na mokse graho me 'sti damodareha*

7) O Lord Damodara, in Your form as a _____ Mother Yasoda bound You to a grinding _____ with a rope for tying _____. You then freed the sons of Kuvera, _____ and _____, who were cursed to stand as _____ and You gave them the chance to become Your devotees. Please bless me in this same way. I have no desire for liberation into Your _____.

namas te 'stu damne sphurad dipti-dhamne

tvadiyodarayatha visvasya dhamne

namo radhikayai tvadiya priyayai

namo 'nanta-lilaya devaya tubhyam

8) O Lord, the entire universe was created by Lord _____, who was born from Your _____, which was bound by a rope by Mother Yasoda. To this rope I offer my humble obeisances. I offer my _____ to Your most beloved Srimati _____ and to Your unlimited pastimes.