

SRI SUKTAM



VERSE 1

हिरण्यवर्णां हरिणीं सुवर्णरजतस्रजाम् ।

चन्द्रां हिरण्मयीं लक्ष्मीं जातवेदो म आवह ॥ 1 ॥

hiraṇyavarṇāṃ harīṇīṃ suvarṇarajatasrajām |

candrāṃ hiraṇmayīṃ lakṣmīṃ jātavedo ma āvaḥa || 1 ||

(Harih Om. O Jatavedo, Invoke for me that Lakshmi) Who is of Golden Complexion, Beautiful and Adorned with Gold and Silver Garlands. (Gold represents Sun or the Fire of Tapas; Silver represents Moon or the Bliss and Beauty of Pure Sattva). Who is like the Moon with a Golden Aura, Who is Lakshmi, the Embodiment of Sri; O Jatavedo, please Invoke for Me that Lakshmi. (Moon represents the Bliss and Beauty of Pure Sattva and the Golden Aura represents the Fire of Tapas.) [Verse 1]

VERSE 2

तां म आवह जातवेदो लक्ष्मीमनपगामिनीम् ।
यस्यां हिरण्यं विन्देयं गामश्वं पुरुषानहम् ॥ 2 ॥

tāṃ ma āvaha jātavedo lakṣmīmanapagāminīm |
yasyāṃ hiraṇyaṃ vindeyaṃ gāmaśvaṃ puruṣānaḥam || 2 ||

(Harih Om) O Jatavedo, Invoke for Me that Lakshmi, Who does not Go Away, (Sri is Non-Moving, All-Pervasive and the Underlying Essence of All Beauty. Devi Lakshmi as the Embodiment of Sri is thus Non-Moving in Her essential nature). By Whose Golden Touch, I will Obtain Cattle, Horses, Progeny and Servants. (Golden Touch represents the Fire of Tapas which manifests in us as the Energy of Effort by the Grace of the Devi. Cattle, Horses etc are external manifestations of Sri following the effort.) [Verse 2]

VERSE 3

अश्वपूर्वां रथमध्यां हस्तिनादप्रबोदिनीम् ।

श्रियं देवीमुपह्वये श्रीर्मा देवी जुषताम् ॥ 3 ॥

aśvapūrvāṃ rathamadhyāṃ hastinādaprabodhīnīm |
śriyaṃ devīmupahvaye śrīrmādevīrjuṣatām || 3 ||

(Harish Om. O Jatavedo, Invoke for me that Lakshmi) Who is Abiding in the Chariot of Sri (in the Middle) which is driven by Horses in Front and Whose Appearance is Heralded by the Trumpet of Elephants, (Chariot represents the Abode of Sri and Horses represents the Energy of Effort. The Trumpet of Elephants represents the Awakening of Wisdom). Invoke the Devi who is the Embodiment of Sri Nearer so that the Devi of Prosperity becomes Pleased with Me. (Prosperity is the external manifestation of Sri and is therefore pleased when Sri is Invoked.) [Verse 3]

VERSE 4

कां सोस्मितां हिरण्यप्राकारामार्द्रां ज्वलन्तीं तृप्तां तर्पयन्तीम् ।
पद्मे स्थितां पद्मवर्णां त्वामिहोपह्वये श्रियम् ॥ 4 ॥

kāṃ so'smitāṃ hiraṇyapṛākāramārdṛāṃ jvalantīm tṛptāṃ tarpayantīm |
padme sthitāṃ padmavarṇāṃ tāmihopahvaye śriyam || 4 ||

(Harih Om. O Jatavedo, Invoke for me that Lakshmi) Who is Having a Beautiful Smile and Who is Enclosed by a Soft Golden Glow; Who is eternally Satisfied and Satisfies all those to whom She Reveals Herself, (Beautiful Smile represents the Transcendental Beauty of Sri Who is Enclosed by the Golden Glow of the Fire of Tapas). Who Abides in the Lotus and has the Colour of the Lotus; (O Jatavedo) Invoke that Lakshmi Here, Who is the Embodiment of Sri. (Lotus represents the Lotus of Kundalini.) [Verse 4]

VERSE 5

चन्द्रां प्रभासां यशसा ज्वलन्तीं श्रियं लोके देवजुष्टामुदाराम् ।
तां पद्मिनीं शरणमहं प्रपद्येऽलक्ष्मीर्मे नश्यतां त्वां वृणे ॥ 5 ॥

candrāṃ prabhāsāṃ yaśasā jvalantīṃ śriyaṃ loke devajuṣṭāmudārām |
tāṃ padminīm śaraṇamaham prapadye'lakṣmīrme naśyatāṃ tvāṃ vṛṇe || 5 ||

(Harish Om. O Jatavedo, Invoke for me that Lakshmi) Who is the Embodiment of Sri and Whose Glory Shines like the Splendour of the Moon in all the Worlds; Who is Noble and Who is Worshipped by the Devas. I take Refuge at Her Feet, Who Abides in the Lotus; By Her Grace, let the Alakshmi (in the form of Evil, Distress and Poverty) within and without be Destroyed. (Lotus represents the Lotus of Kundalini.) [Verse 5]

VERSE 6

आदित्यवर्णे तपसोऽधि जातो वनस्पतिस्तव वृक्षोऽथ बिल्वः ।
तस्य फलानि तपसा नुदन्तु मायान्तरायाश्च बाह्या अलक्ष्मीः ॥ 6 ॥

ādityavarṇe tapaso'dhijāto vanaspatistava' vṛkṣo'tha bilvaḥ |
tasya phalāni tapasā nudantu māyāntarāyāśca' bāhyā alakṣmīḥ || 6 ||

(Harish Om. O Jatavedo, Invoke for me that Lakshmi) Who is of the Colour of the Sun and Born of Tapas; the Tapas which is like a Huge Sacred Bilva Tree, (The Golden Colour of the Sun represents the Fire of Tapas). Let the Fruit of That Tree of Tapas Drive Away the Delusion and Ignorance Within and the Alakshmi (in the form of Evil, Distress and Poverty) Outside. [Verse 6]

VERSE 7

उपैतु मां देवसखः कीर्तिश्च मणिना सह ।

प्रादुर्भूतोऽस्मि राष्ट्रेस्मिन् कीर्तिमृद्धिं ददातु मे ॥ 7 ॥

upaītu māṃ de'vasakhaḥ kīrtiśca maṇinā saha |

prādurbhūto'smi rāṣṭre'smin kīrtimṛddhiṃ dadātu me || 7 ||

(Harish Om. O Jatavedo, Invoke for me that Lakshmi) By Whose Presence will Come Near me the Companions of the Devas along with Glory (Inner Prosperity) and various Jewels (Outer Prosperity), And I will be Reborn in the Realm of Sri (signifying Inner Transformation towards Purity) which will Grant me Inner Glory and Outer Prosperity. [Verse 7]

VERSE 8

क्षुत्पिपासामलां ज्येष्ठामलक्ष्मीर्नाशयाम्यहम् ।
अभूतिमसमृद्धिं च सर्वान् निर्णुद मे गृहात् ॥ 8 ॥

kṣutpīpāsāmalāṃ jyeṣṭhāmalakṣmīm nāśayāmyaham |
abhūtīmasamṛddhiṃ ca sarvāṃ nirṇūda me grhāt || 8 ||

(Harīh Om. O Jatavedo, Invoke for me that Lakshmi) Whose Presence will Destroy Hunger, Thirst and Impurity associated with Her Elder Sister Alakshmi, And Drive Away the Wretchedness and Ill-Fortune from My House. [Verse 8]

VERSE 9

गन्धद्वारां दुराधर्षां नित्यपुष्टां करीषिणीम् ।
ईश्वरीं सर्वभूतानां तामिहोपह्वये श्रियम् ॥ ९ ॥

gandhadvārāṃ durādharṣāṃ nityapuṣṭāṃ karīṣiṇīm |
īśvarīṃ sarvabhūtānāṃ tāmihopahvaye śriyam || 9 ||

(Harih Om. O Jatavedo, Invoke for me that Lakshmi) Who is the Source of All Fragrances, Who is Difficult to Approach, Who is Always Filled with Abundance and leaves a Residue of Abundance wherever She Reveals Herself. Who is the Ruling Power in All Beings; (O Jatavedo) Please Invoke Her Here, Who is the Embodiment of Sri. [Verse 9]

VERSE 10

मनसः काममाकूतिं वाचः सत्यमशीमहि ।

पशूनाँ रूपमन्नस्य मयि श्रीः श्रयतां यशः ॥ 10 ॥

manasaḥ kāmamākūtiṃ vācaḥ satyamāśīmahī |

paśūnāṃ rūpamannasya mayi śriḥ śrayatāṃ yaśaḥ || 10 ||

(Harīh Om. O Jatavedo, Invoke for me that Lakshmi) For Whom my Heart Truly Yearns and to Whom my Speech Truly tries to Reach, By Whose Presence will come Cattle, Beauty and Food in my Life as (External) Prosperity and Who will Reside (i.e. Reveal) in me as (Inner) Glory of Sri. [Verse 10]

VERSE 11

कर्मिण प्रजा भूता मयि संभव कर्म ।

श्रियं वासय मे कुले मातरं पद्ममालिनीम् ॥ 11 ॥

kardameṇa praḥābhūtā mayi sambhava kardama |

śriyaṃ vāsaya me kule mātaraṃ padmamālīnīm || 11 ||

(Harish Om. O Kardama, Invoke for me your Mother) As Kardama (referring to Earth represented by Mud) acts as the substratum for the Existence of Mankind, Similarly O Kardama (now referring to sage Kardama, the son of Devi Lakshmi) you Stay with me, And be the cause to bring your Mother to Dwell in My Family; Your Mother who is the Embodiment of Sri and Encircled by Lotuses. [Verse 11]

VERSE 12

आपः सृजन्तु स्निग्धानि चिक्लीत वस मे गृहे ।
नि च देवीं मातरं श्रियं वासय मे कुले ॥ 12 ॥

āpaḥ sṛjantu snigdhanī ciklīta vaśa me gr̥he |
ni ca devīm mātaraṃ śriyaṃ vāsaya me kule || 12 ||

(Harih Om. O Chiklita, Invoke for me your Mother) As Chiklita (referring to Moisture represented by Water) Creates Loveliness in all things by its presence, similarly O Chiklita (now referring to Chiklita, the son of Devi Lakshmi) you Stay with me, And by your presence bring your Mother, the Devi who is the Embodiment of Sri (and essence of all Loveliness) to Dwell in my Family. [Verse 12]

VERSE 13

आर्द्रां पुष्करिणीं पुष्टिं पिङ्गलां पद्ममालिनीम् ।
चन्द्रां हिरण्मयीं लक्ष्मीं जातवेदो म आवह ॥ 13 ॥

ārdrāṃ puṣkarīṇīṃ puṣṭiṃ piṅgalāṃ padmamālinīm |
candrāṃ hiraṇmayīṃ lakṣmīṃ jāta'vedo ma āvaha || 13 ||

(Harish Om. O Jatavedo, Invoke for me that Lakshmi) Who is like the Moisture of a Lotus Pond which Nourishes a Soul (with Her Soothing Loveliness); and Who is Encircled by Light Yellow Lotuses, Who is like a Moon with a Golden Aura; O Jatavedo, please Invoke that Lakshmi for me. (Devi Lakshmi in the form of a Moon represents the Transcendental Bliss and Beauty of Sri. This Soothing Loveliness is compared with the Moisture of a Lotus Pond which Nourishes a Soul.) [Verse 13]

VERSE 14

आर्द्रां यः करिणीं यष्टिं सुवर्णां हेममालिनीम् ।
सूर्यां हिरण्मयीं लक्ष्मीं जातवेदो म आवह ॥ 14 ॥

ārdraṃ yaḥ kariṇīm yaṣṭim suvarṇām hemamālinīm |
sūryām hiraṇmayīm lakṣmīm jātavedo ma āvaha || 14 ||

(Harish Om. O Jatavedo, Invoke for me that Lakshmi) Who is like the Moisture (figuratively representing Energy) which Supports the Performance of Activities; and Who is Encircled by Gold (Glow of the Fire of Tapas), Who is like a Sun with a Golden Aura; O Jatavedo, please Invoke that Lakshmi for me. (Devi Lakshmi in the form of a Sun represents the Fire of Tapas. This Fire is compared with the moisture within activities, the moisture figuratively signifying energy. The Fire of Tapas manifests as the Energy of Activities.) [Verse 14]

VERSE 15

तां म आवह जातवेदो लक्ष्मीमनपगामिनीम् ।

यस्यां हिरण्यं प्रभूतं गावो दास्योश्वान् विन्देयं पुरुषानहम् ॥ 15 ॥

tāṃ ma āvaha jātavedo lakṣmīmanapagāminīm |

yasyāṃ hiraṇyaṃ prabhūtaṃ gāvo' dāsyo'śvānvindeyaṃ puruṣānahaṃ || 15 ||

(Harih Om). O Jatavedo, Invoke for me that Lakshmi, Who does not Go Away, (Sri is Non-Moving, All-Pervasive and the Underlying Essence of All Beauty. Devi Lakshmi as the Embodiment of Sri is thus Non-Moving in Her essential nature.) By Whose Golden Touch I will obtain (i.e. Sri will be manifested as) Abundant Cattle, Servants, Horses and Progeny. (Golden Touch represents the Fire of Tapas which manifests in us as the Energy of Effort by the grace of the Devi. Cattle, Horses etc are external manifestations of Sri following the effort.) [Verse 15]

om mahādevyai ca' vidmahe' viṣṇupaṭnī ca' dhīmaḥi |
tanno' lakṣmīḥ pracodayāt ||

(Harīh Om). O Jatavedo, Invoke for me that Lakshmi, Who does not Go Away,
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Lakshmi as the Embodiment of Sri is thus Non-Moving in Her essential nature.)
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**shrir varchasvamayushyama
aarogyamavidhaachobhamanam mahiyate I
dhaanyan dhanam pashum
bahuputram laabham shat
samvatsaram deerghamaayuhu II**

(Harih Om, Salutations to Mother Lakshmi) O Mother, Let Your Auspiciousness Flow in our lives as the Vital Power, making our lives Long and Healthy, and filled with Joy. And let Your Auspiciousness manifest around as Wealth, Grains, Cattle and Many Offsprings who live Happily for Hundred Years; who live Happily throughout their Long Lives.