

atha śoḍāśam pūraṇam

pralamba-dava-saṁvarta-nivartanam

[1] atha prabhāte sabhātejasā prabhāte parama-prabhāvavatāṁ gomatāṁ prabhāv upaviṣte kṛṣṇa-viśiṣṭe tasmin sadasi pūrvavan madhukaṇṭhaś ca kathāyām yathāvad upakramate sma--snigdhakaṇṭha! madupakaṇṭhatayā rāma-vikramāntaram ākarṇyatām, yathā—

evam gocāraṇa-miṣa-mayam krīdati bhrātr-yugme
vr̄ndāranyam tapa-ṛtur agāt prāṇinām nātirucyah |
dhatte yad drāk sa ca madhu-guṇām tac ca nāścarya-caryām
tad-yugmām yad vasati satataṁ tatra nityānurāgi ||1|| [mandākrāntā]

nirjhara-svana-vaśāmbudāgama-
bhrānti-jhilli-kulam āpa mūkatām |
aṅghripāś ca jhara-sīkara-plutāḥ
puṣpitāḥ param amī madhum dadhuḥ ||2|| [rathoddhatā]

vanasya cchāyābhīr jadita-jala-vrndē vikasataḥ
śucāv apy abjādeḥ pavana-vitatir mādhava iva |
tad evārdram kṛtvā kusumitam akārṣid aviratam
mitho yogyānām yad vyativahati maitrī-sukha-śatam ||3|| [śikhariṇī]

tatrāśīn nara-jātīnām grīṣme'pi ṛtu-rāṇi-matiḥ |
pika-bhramara-mukhyānām tiraścām tarhi kā kathā? ||4|| [anuṣṭubh]

mādhavas tu yadā mitraih praviśan veṇunā jagau |
tadā dvi-guṇito reje mādhavas tatra so'parah ||5|| [anuṣṭubh]

te grhe maṇibhir apy alaṅkṛtāś
cāru-kānti-vidhaye yad udbhavaiḥ |
puṣpa-pallava-mukhair alaṅkriyām
śāśvad ādiṣata tasya kim bruve ||6|| [rathoddhatā]

[2] atha śrīdāma-pradhānatayā sudāma-vasudāmādiṣu sabhāsadadvad gojāla-sambhālanāya nātidūrataḥ pṛthag upaviśatsu lasatsu balānuja-bala-subalārjunādayas tatrāgatyā nr̄tya-raṅgājīvi-bhaṅgitayā saṅgatyā śubhāśiṣā višeṣitavantah | taiś ca kutratyā vicitra-nartaka-prāyāḥ prayātā bhavantah? iti pṛṣṭā hṛṣṭātmānah sphuṭam udīṣṭavantah—bhoḥ parama-dānaśūrāḥ ! dūrād āgatā vayam yataḥ prathamām tāvad bhavat-kīrti-nartita-manaskā jātāḥ, tataś ca śarīreṇāpi bhavad-agre nartitum icchāvah | kutrāpi cirāya vartitum na samarthāḥ | śrotrayor iva netrayor api sukham bibhrataḥ samprati vartāmahe |

[3] tatra śrī-kṛṣṇah svān uvāca—aho, pratyekam evāsmākam labdha-varṇāv imau karṇāv eva puru-gurū abhūtām yābhyaṁ esām mahāśayānām guṇānubhavam āśadyāmahe sma | kiyad vā manah sampraśamsayā mānayāmaḥ, yena tatraiva sāmodam prodasāhayiṣmahi? caraṇābhyaṁ paritaḥ kim nācaritam, yābhyaṁ manoratha-patham alambhayiṣmahi? locana-yugalāya rocanam kim anyad vitarāmaḥ, yena gurūpadistiṁ tan-miṣṭam anubhāvyāmahe? nāsādvayāt kim nāsādayāma, yenānenāmodena sāmodikriyāmahe? tvacah kim vacah kathayāmaḥ, yayā tam idam adaḥ-sambandhi-gandhavāham avagāhyāmahe? ātmani tu subhaga-nāma-dheyām bhāga-dheyām kiyad ādheyatām vindeta, yasya tat-tat-phala-valayenāntar bahir apy āvriyāmahe?

aho ! astu tāvan nāmnaiva śriyām dātur asya mahārājasya virājamānatā, pāriṣadānām apy amīśām mahīmānam upaniṣado’pi varṇayitum na śaknuvanti, yenātmānam api vismārya nr̄tyam anuvartyāmahe | kim asaṅkīrṇam asmāsu na vitīrṇam amībhīr mahā-mahima-caraṇaiḥ, yat khalv atīta-lokena nijālokena nirmimesatayā suparvāṇah kriyāmahe? katiśah svayaṁ na pratipālitā vayaṁ, yan nija-cchāyām āpāyya paryāpīyāmahe? katarad vā manah-santosaṇaiḥ poṣanaiḥ na vihitām yan nija-dṛṣṭi-sudhā-vṛṣṭibhir abhitarpyāmahe | paśyata paśyata, netra-gati-vicitratām amīśām, yayā khalu nr̄tyam upādiśadbhir āmībhīr anugṛhyāmahe | tasmān nr̄tya-caryā-paricaryā-paryutsukā vayaṁ tad-artham eva yogyam avasaram mṛgyanto vartāmahe |

[4] sabhāsada ūcuḥ, bho bhoḥ suśīla-vāsanāḥ! kuśīlavā iva stuvānā yadi sarva-parvaṇi vartakā nartakāḥ stha, tarhi bhavadbhiḥ samarhitā nija-kalā-kalāpāḥ kalpyantām, višeṣād anena śyāma-dhāma-nikāma-rāma-rāma-vigraheṇa | yaḥ khalu citrāṅgo na tu citrāṅgah, candrakī na tu candrakī, pītāṁśuko na tu pītāṁśukaḥ, śyāma-ghano na tu śyāma-ghanah, varīśa-pravīṇādharo na tu varīśa-pravīṇādharaḥ, guṇa-rūpī na tu guṇa-rūpī, vidyādharo na tu vidyādhara iti vaicitribhir netrāṇi vicitrayati |

tataś ca,

arjuna-subalādibhir upagāne
pāṇi-śṛṅga-dala-tāla-nidhāne |
nr̄tyantaṁ tam vraja-śiṣu-sabhyāḥ
praśāśamsur ye śruti-nuti-labhyāḥ ||7|| [pādākulaka]

śrī-kānte’py atha niṣkrānте viveśāveśato balah |
tad-ālokah sabhya-lokah ślokayāmāsa tad dvayam ||8|| [anuṣṭubh]
yady etayor varṇa-bhedah syān naiva śyāma-gaurayoh |
tadā na paricīyetām etāvaṅga-guṇādibhiḥ ||9|| iti | [anuṣṭubh]

aṅga-hāre taḍil-lilām aṅge meghendutām kramāt |
vyañjam viviśatuḥ saṅgi-gāṭr-kulācale ||10|| [anuṣṭubh]

[5] atha sabhāsadaḥ sva-sva-hṛdaya-vihāri maṇimaya-hāri hārādikam dadatas te tu pratyācakhyuh—na vayaṁ dravya-vanīyakā nartaka-nāyakāḥ, kintu niyuddha-yācanakā eva, śubhavanto bhavanto malla-tallajā iti varṇanām karṇayoh sañcitya

niścīya ca samantād vīcīya sarvordhvānī bhavatām bhavatām samitīm samāgatāḥ |
atas tad evāsmadīyāya toṣāya poṣāya ca dīyatām, na tu moṣāya nīyatām |

[6] tad evam avadhārayadbhir eva hasadbhis taiḥ sabhāsadbhir upasarpadbhiḥ saha
sahajātāu kṛta-śātāu tatra-bhavantau tadārabdhavantau | yatra—

bhrāmanair laṅghanaiḥ kṣepair āśphoṭana-vikarṣanaiḥ | [BhP 10.18.12]
uraḥpesam ivāmībhir nyayudhyetām balājitaū ||11|| [anuṣṭubh]

[7] tataś cānavadyayā vidyayā toṣiteṣu teṣu nikhila-guṇi-jana-garva-nivartakeṣu
kṛṣṇādi-nartakeṣu sarva-durāsada-śrīdāmādi-sabhāsadaḥ svaka-sarva-kalā-veditā
niveditācaraṇāya nr̥tya-vidyām udbhāvayāmāsuḥ |

[8] yatrānanda-kandalitatayā svayam api labdha-tṛṣṇāḥ kṛṣṇādayas tadiya-śiksā-
parīkṣaṇāya sudurgama-tālādi-dharās tat-parikarā eva babhūvuḥ |

[9] ataevoktam ṛṣiṇā—

kvacīn nr̥tyatsu cānyeṣu gāyakau vādakau svayam |
śāśāṁsatur mahārāja sādhu sādhv iti vādinau || [BhP 10.18.13] iti |

[10] atha goṣu gocaratām atītāsu tataś calitavantas te—

bilvaiḥ kumbhaiḥ kara-sthāmalaka-samudayais tādayanto mithas te
hāsam hāsam mṛgehāvika-bhaṇitibhir dardurādi-plutādyaiḥ |
asparśi-sparśanārthām nayana-parivṛter mocanaiḥ kṛṣṇa-rājya-
syandolī-simha-pīṭhādy-adhikṛti-j-sukhair ninyire yāma-vargam ||13||
[śārdūlavikrīḍita]

tatra ca—

nṛpatir ajani kṛṣṇaḥ stokakṛṣṇaḥ pradhānam
subala-saciva-rāmasyāpi tadvan nṛpatvam |
ubhaya-bala-patī śrīdāma-bhadrāv itīdam
vidha-vividhatayā tau rāṣṭra-lakṣmīm akārṣṭām ||14|| [mālinī]

kvacit sthānam kvacid yānam kvāpy arthe sandhi-vigrahau |
parājaya-jayau kvāpi krīḍāyām anucakratuḥ ||15|| [anuṣṭubh]

evam tau loka-siddhābhīḥ krīḍābhiḥ ceratur vane |
nady-adri-droṇi-kuñjeṣu kānaneṣu saraḥsu ca || [BhP 10.18.16]

[11] tad evam sthite dina-katipaye ca prasthite kadācid ahar-mukha eva pūrvā-
pūrvā-pūrvadeva-nirvāpaṇa-bhṛta-nibhṛta-cintā-kṛta-mati-bhramśasya kāṁsasya
svayam abhyāsaṁ pralamba-nāmā deva-dhrug abhyājagāma | abhyāgamya ca
prāṇamya vyaktam eva tam anuyuktavān—deva, tava keyam paridevanā balavad
āvartamānā dr̥ṣyate?

[12] kāṁsa uvāca—na jānāsi? mamānvag-bhūya sthitam viśiṣṭam kim vāvaśiṣṭam?

[13] pralamba uvāca—bhavatu, mām api yāmam ekam vyāpāraya | kāṁsa tu tuṣṇīm-bhūya dūyamāna-vadanaḥ kṣaṇam āśīt |

[14] pralamba uvāca—deva, katham iva |

[15] kāṁsaḥ sa-vairasyam vihasya tasya tatra pataṅgatāṁ vibhāvayann uvāca—tvam apy atamasi prajvalaj-jvalana-vartmani vartanīyah |

[16] pralambah sa-krodham uvāca—aho, sarvaṅkasa-jvālasya kālasya mahimā himācalam api jvalayati, yadāśritāṁs taḍāgāṁs ca tāḍayati |

[17] kāṁsa uvāca—bhavatu yathā bhavad-icchā |

[18] iti niśamya tam ānamya tad-avamānitaś ca tadaiva daiva-sandānitatayā kṛtāvilambah pralambas tādrśa-krīḍā-pareṣu śrī-kṛṣṇa-vareṣu bāla-nikareṣu prāpta-dūra-bhūr vicāritavān—

tāv imau sukumārau ca sarva-mārau kumārau yau |
sahasā rahasā yena yena kāṁsād agaṁsātām ||16|| [anuṣṭubh]

[19] sarvo’py asau sarva-cālena kālena ghaṭita-kaṭhinatābhyaṁ ābhyaṁ carvita-garvah samivṛttah, tad adya samasta-vāsara-visṛmara-vihāra-visaraja-viśvāsa-prapañcanayā vañcayan bandhuvin eva skandha-dvaye hasta-dvaya-kṛta-bandham dvayam api prakṣipya kṣipram eva bhojarāja-parisaram parisamupahariṣyāmi iti |

[20] atha sa tu kalkī valkīkṛta-kaccaratādi-pracchanna-sparśa-veśatayā pūrvam goṣṭham āgatya parito drṣṭīm vitatya veśma-sthita-gopa-bāla-višeṣa-veṣam samūhya tam eva ca vyūhya miśrī-bhavitum sīśrīṣan hasann eva tatra praviṣṭah paridṛṣṭāś ca kṛṣṇena |

[21] drṣṭvā ca tac-chalam evāsvaccha-svacchalāyāvalambya—bhadra, kathāṁ vilambam ālambathās, tathāpi bhadrāṁ dudyūṣā-samaya eva samayitas tvam asi iti vihasya tad-anukṛta-gopa-bāla-sambandha-višeṣa-sambandham parihasya ca bahu-paritoṣitena tena saha sahacaratvāṁ balasya bala-nirjayārtham eva kalayāñcakre | ūce ca—adyārabhya, sabhya, mama parama-suhr̥d bhavān eva | tvām aham akṣigatata�ā sthāpayiṣyāmi | śrīdāmā rāmam evānvetu, sa kila hy antar-vardhana-spardhah spardhana-gaṇam evārhati iti |

[22] sa tu kratubhuk-śatrus tatra nirvismayam eva kusmayam ānatayā tathā sthitah, yataḥ—

viśvacikīr api sa vidhiḥ pipaṭhīr yasmād bhavet tasmin |
ko vā caturāṁ-manyah prathayatu nija-cāturīm kṛṣṇe ||17|| [upagīti]

[23] athārbhaka-samudayam vibhāga-dvayam ayam vidhāya tam ca pralambam sva-bala-parivṛḍhatayā dṛḍham nidhāya tatra ca sa-matsaram iva bala-pralambau śrīdāmātmānau mithah pratisaṅghaṭinā saṅghaṭayya parān api sajūḥ-kurvāṇatayā tathā praghaṭayā parājītanām ca śatāya parikrītanām api vāhakatvām prakaṭayya

saṅgarāya kṛta-saṅgarah sa mādhavo vividha-kriḍā-niviḍamanā babhūva | tataś
ca—

avrīḍa-kriḍatāyāṁ jayavad itarayor vāhayanto vahantas
tasmin vāhanukartṛīṁs turaga-tulanayā hāsayanto hasantah |
maryādā-nirṇaye tu prathita-kali-kulam vādayanto vadantah
prāpur bhāṇḍīram ete vanavana-bhuvi gāś cālayantaś calantah ||18||

[sragdharā]

[24] tad evam kutūhale tu prabale balaṁ pralamba-skandhārūḍham sandhātum
jita-bhujaga-bhujah śrī-balānujah parābhavam agaṇayan durbalam adurbalam
avicitya svikṛtam svaganam eva parābhāvayāmāsa |

[25] tasyāpātatas tu vahanāyamānānāṁ mano-glāniḥ syād iti svam api tathā cakāra,
tataś ca—

ūhe krṣṇah śrīdāmānam daityah sa śrī-rāmākhyānam |
anyo'py anyam śūraṁ-manyah sarvah proce dhanyo dhanyah ||19||

[vidyunmālā]

pūrvam krṣṇah kautuke yena drṣṭah
saumyah paścād rāmakarṣe tu bhīṣmaḥ
ity evāyaṁ sa pralambas tu paryan-
maryādātah paryagāt tam pragṛhya ||20|| [śalinī]

rāmaḥ krīḍāviṣṭatāśliṣṭa-bodhas
tam nājñāśid drṣṭa-mātraṁ ca krṣṇah |
pūrvah prāyeṇārjutā-bhitta-cittah
paścād-bhāvī cāturi-sandhurīnah ||21|| [śalinī]

[26] atha tathāpi giri-nivaha-nibha-vahala-sāratā-vaha-durvaha-svabhāvatā-
bhāvita-saṅkarṣaṇa-vapuh-karṣaṇa-jāta-dharṣaṇa-vaśān niviḍa-pīḍitatayā vrīḍita-
cittatayā ca sa punah punar īḍitām-manyah svam akharvam pūrva-siddham
pūrvadeva-vapur āvirbhāvayāmāsa |

yarhi rāmam avahad danoḥ sutah
śubhra-dhāma-vapusam tamah-prabhah |
indu-hāri tama ity amum tada
divya-loka-nikaras tv amanyata ||22|| [rathoddhatā]

tasmin kiñcit trāsam āpannavān sa
jyeṣṭhaḥ paśyan drāk kaniṣṭhasya vaktram |
tad bhrāmyad-bhrū-līlayā labdha-drṣṭir
duṣṭam muṣṭyā tāḍayat suṣṭhu mūrdhni ||23|| [śalinī]

tataḥ prahata-mastakam rudhira-rūṣitam tad vapuh
patat tulitam ujjahat pratihari drutam puṇluve |
yathāñjana-mahī-dharam dalitam akta-rakta-dravam
tyajan dravati vajrakah sapadi vajra-pāṇīm prati ||24|| [pr̥thvī]

pralamba-patanam dūre pralambāryāptir antike |
ubhe te yugapad drṣṭe jajñāte smita-vismitī ||25|| [anuṣṭubh]
bāspa-śliṣṭatayā tasminn āśliṣṭau bhrātarau mithah |
yā vāśliṣyārdratām yātā bandhutā bahir antaram ||26|| [anuṣṭubh]

mahā-ravam kṛtavati ca pralambake
tadā drutam mṛtavati ca dyavi sthitāḥ |
sunirvṛtā vavṛṣur alam kulaṁ
vyatarkayann upahasitī harer api ||27|| [rucirā]

vāhaka-śirasi praharaṇam atrādiṣṭam sadā vihṛtau |
maryādātikrāntā pralamba bhavatā tathā tu nāsmābhīḥ ||28|| [udgīti]

[27] tad evam pralambālambhana-sambhrame'py anudbhrānta-cittā te śringinī-
vittāḥ kuṇapatām itasya pramītasya tasya pitṛ-vana-veśam pradeśa-leśam parityajya
yojana-vyajya-vistāra-praśasta-bhāṇḍīra-tala-maṇḍalam evādhīsthāya vihāra-
niṣṭhāḥ krīḍāpaṇasya spr̥hayāyyā jayāyyā gṛhayāyyā tṛṇalobhāviṣṭa-tayā vṛkṣa-
saṇḍād viprakṛṣṭām api yamunācchānaccha-muñjāṭavīm praviṣṭānām andhī-
bhūtānām pāda-bandhanānām arvesaṇād viślesam ājagmuḥ | tataḥ katham apy
avadhānataḥ pranaṣṭa-cittatayā spaṣṭa-kaṣṭa-cittā rāmhasā saṅghaśah sabhayam
hvayante sma | [28] nūnam deśādhipati-nideśataḥ sadeśam āgatā eva kecit krūrā gā
dūragā vidadhur iti ca dhyāyanti sma |

[29] tataś ca gavām khurādi-cihnaṁ ahnāya tāsām adhvānam labdhvā samastā eva
tā harir ahvāsta, yathā—

kṛṣṇe taṭāgram adhiruhya suvarṇa-varṇa-
valgūttariyam anughūrṇya viṭīrṇahutau |
gāvah pratisvam abhinedur udīrṇa-tāpā
garjat-taḍid-ghanā-ghanāghana-trṣṇayeva ||29|| [vasantatilakā]

[30] tad evam yadālambhi cāstambhi ca naicikīnicayas tadānīm eva ca drṣṭa-
nirvilamba-pralamba-pralaya-carāḥ kaṁsa-carā labdhāvasarā muñjāṭavīm udbhaṭa-
ceṣṭatayā veṣṭayitvā nirnivāraṇa-kṛpiṭa-kāraṇa-vṛṣṭīm jhaṭiti tāḍrśa-duṣṭa-vauṣat-
kārāspada-tad-vilakṣaṇa-tejasī tasmin pratipakṣatā-kalpanayā nisṛṣṭavantah |

[31] yā khalu jvāla-kalayāpi sarvam roṣād oṣāmāsa kalpam iti prajvalati mahā-
jvalane paṭa-paṭāyamānāyām ca mahā-muñjāṭavyām bhītatayāsta-vyasta-cālās te
gopālāḥ sakhi-valayārāmatayā kalita-keli-jālāv iha rāma-gopālāv eva bhūri-dūrataḥ
śaraṇatayā samupājagmuḥ | tatra ca—

dāvāgnīm drṣṭvā te yadapi harir akṣāparatayā
samīyur vaiyagryam tadapi nija-rakṣām avṛṇuta |
prasaktis tasyetthaṁ kila bhavati sā ced uyate
tadā śaktiś cāsya prabhavati yatheccham muhur iti ||30|| [śikhariṇī]
yathā—

kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa mahā-vīrya he rāmāmita-vikrama |
dāvāgninā dāhyamānān prapannāṁs trāṭum arhathah || [BhP 10.19.9] ityādi

[32] tad evam dūrāgatānām kārpanya-paṇya-bhaṇita-śravaṇam ārabhya tasmād abhyāsa-gatānām api bhayam upalabhya śrīmān kṛṣṇas tv idam sasamrambham bhāvayāmāsa—

ātmano'py alam amī mama priyā
hā davam prati davam samiyrati |
gīrṇam eva karavāṇy amum tataḥ
ko yamaḥ ka iha vā bhaved haraḥ ||31|| [rathoddhatā]

[33] kintu mayā vaiśvānara-nigaraṇam na soḍhum parivṛḍhā bhaveyur ete iti vicintya provāca—mā bhaiṣṭa netra-puṭam tv anudgaṇitam ghaṭayata iti |

[34] nimilad-vilocaneṣu ca teṣu tad-āveśa-vaśayā kṛta-praveśayā yogamāyayā tat-kāla-kalpita-mahā-jaladhara-kalpāpara-śarīras tatrasyenānalpenānanena tam aduhkhata eva sarvam vibhrakṣantam bhaksitavān |

[35] tathā tad-icchayā sudhā-culukāyamānam ity eke | tayaivam cānyad api cakāra | yad uktam—

tataś ca te'kṣīṇy unmīlya punar bhāṇḍīram āpitāḥ |
niśāmya vismitā āsann ātmānam gāś ca mocitāḥ || iti | [BhP 10.19.13]

atha dhenu-tatīm vinivartya harir
bala-yuktatayā muralīm kalayan |
sahacāri-gaṇa-prathitātmā-yaśā
vrajam āgatavān ahani glapite ||32|| [toṭaka]

gavām dhūlir nādaḥ khura-ghaṭita-ghaṭṭa-dhvani-ghaṭā
hares tāsām hūtiḥ śravaṇa-gaṇa-bhid-veṇu-raṇitam |
amībhis te kṛṣṭas taratamatayā gokula-janā
na pṛṣṭhyam nāgrīyam na samam avidur na svam api ||33|| [śikhariṇī]

yadyapi bahu-saṅghaṭṭana-dhūli-dhvāntam ca sarvatra |
tadapi harer mukha-candraḥ pratijanam ānanditam cakre ||34|| [upagīti]

[36] atha pūrvavan mātara-pitarādi-racita-sukha-vitarau bhrātarau nija-nilayam praviviśatuḥ | [37] sakhāyaś ca pralamba-davānala-kathā-prathanayā sarvam vismāyayāmāsuḥ |

[37] tad etat procya samāpanam āha sma—

īdṛśas tava gopendra putraḥ puṇya-kṛta-stavaḥ |
premārdraḥ suhṛdām yaś tu dāvāgnim api pītavān ||35|| [anuṣṭubh]

iti śrī-śrī-gopāla-campūm anu
pralamba-dava-saṁvarta-nivartanam nāma
śodaśam pūraṇam

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