

The Holy Name of Śrī Hari Is All That Be  
(anonymous)

*madhuraṁ madhurebhyo 'pi maṅgalebhyo 'pi maṅgalam  
pāvanam pāvanebhyo 'pi harer nāmaiva kevalam*

Of sweet things, it's the sweetest you will taste at any time;  
Of things that bring good fortune, it's good fortune's paradigm;  
Of things that purify, it purifies most powerfully;  
The Holy Name of Śrī Hari is surely all that be.

*ābrahma-stamba-paryantaṁ sarvaṁ māyā-mayaṁ jagat  
satyaṁ satyaṁ punaḥ satyaṁ harer nāmaiva kevalam*

From Brahmā's realm atop the sky down to the lowly grass,  
Illusion reigns in Māyā-devī's treacherous morass.  
The truth, the truth, the only truth: the Name of Śrī Hari.  
The Holy Name of Śrī Hari is surely all that be.

*sa guruḥ sa pitā cāpi sā mātā bandhavo 'pi saḥ  
śikṣayec cet sadā smartuṁ harer nāmaiva kevalam*

He's the guru, he's the father, he's the friend most true,  
And she's the real mother who most kindly teaches you  
To always chant and hear the Holy Name of Śrī Hari.  
The Holy Name of Śrī Hari is surely all that be.

*niḥsvāse na hi viśvāsaḥ kadā ruddho bhaviṣyati  
kīrtanīya mato bālyād harer nāmaiva kevalam*

Remember that our final breath may come at any time,  
No matter if we're old and sick or in our youthful prime.  
So young and old alike should chant the Name incessantly.  
The Holy Name of Śrī Hari is surely all that be.

*hariḥ sadā vaset tatra yatra bhāgavatā-janāḥ  
gāyanti bhakti-bhāvena harer nāmaiva kevalam*

Lord Śrī Hari forever dwells wherever devotees  
Whose hearts are fixed on Him and free of all impurities  
Uplift their voices high and sing His Name in ecstasy.  
The Holy Name of Śrī Hari is surely all that be.

*aho duḥkham mahā-duḥkham duḥkhād duḥkhataram yataḥ  
kācārtham vismṛtam ratna-harer nāmaiva kevalam*

Alas! What sorrow! What great pain! The worst calamity—  
For people to forget the Holy Name of Śrī Hari!  
Although the Name's a priceless gem, mere broken glass they see.  
The Holy Name of Śrī Hari is surely all that be.

*dīyatām dīyatām karṇo nīyatām nīyatām vacaḥ  
gīyatām gīyatām nityam harer nāmaiva kevalam*

Just fill your ears, just fill them with the Name of Śrī Hari!  
Just chant the Name, just chant the Name with all sincerity!  
Just sing the Name, just sing the Holy Name eternally!  
The Holy Name of Śrī Hari is surely all that be.

*ṭṛṇi-kṛtya-jagat sarvam rājate sakalopari  
cid-ānanda-mayam śuddham harer nāmaiva kevalam*

It makes this world appear like bits of straw upon the ground;  
It splendorously reigns supreme—Divinity in sound;  
It's filled with transcendental bliss and peerless purity;  
The Holy Name of Śrī Hari is surely all that be.

Inspired to glorify the Holy Name of Śrī Hari,  
A certain sage composed this hymn in Sanskrit poetry.  
I pray that those who read this lowly version made by me  
Will chant the Holy Name of Śrī Hari in ecstasy.

note: devotees = DEV a tees (orthodox pronunciation)