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Verse 1

योऽनन्तोऽनन्तवक्त्रैर्निरवधि-हरिसङ्कीर्तनं संविधत्ते
यो वा धत्ते धरित्रीं शिरसि निरवधि क्षुद्रधूलीकणेव ।
यः शेषश्छत्र-शय्यासन-वसनविधैः सेवते ते यदर्थाः
श्रीनित्यानन्दचन्द्रं भज भज सततं गौर-कृष्णप्रदं तम् ॥१॥

yo 'nanto 'nantavaktrair niravadhi hari-saṅkīrttanam samvidhatte
yo vā dhatte dharitrīm śirasi niravadhi kṣudradhūlīkaṇeva
yaḥ śeṣaś chhatra-śayyāsana-vidhaih sevate te yad arthāḥ
śrī nityānandachandram bhaja bhaja satataṁ gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradam tam

Oh my heart! Please eternally serve the lotus feet of that beautiful Śrī Nityānanda who gives us Gaura-Kṛṣṇa. It is He—Nityānanda Prabhu—who in the form of Anantadev perpetually performs *Harināma-Kīrtana* with infinite mouths; He perpetually holds on His head the Earth planet like an insignificant speck of dust; and He performs the Divine Service of His all-in-all, Kṛṣṇa, as Śeṣadev Ananta, taking the forms of the Lord's paraphernalia such as umbrella, bed, seat and clothing.

Verse 2

अंशैर्यः क्षीरशायी सकलभुवनपः सर्वजीवान्तरस्थो
यो वा गर्भोदशायी दशशतवदनो वेदसूक्तैर्विगीतः ।
ब्रह्माण्डाशेषगर्भा प्रकृतिपतिपतिर्जीवसङ्घाश्रयाङ्गः
श्रीनित्यानन्दचन्द्रं भज भज सततं गौर-कृष्णप्रदं तम् ॥२॥

aṁśair yaḥ kṣīraśāyī sakalabhuvanapaḥ sarvvajīvāntarastho
yo vā garbhodaśāyī daśaśatavadano vedasuktair vigītaḥ
brahmāṇḍāśeṣagarbhā prakṛtipatipatir jīva-saṅghāśrayāṅgaḥ
śrī-nityānandachandram bhaja bhaja satataṁ gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradam tam

Oh my heart! You please eternally serve Śrī Nityānandachandra, who gives us Gaura-Kṛṣṇa. He maintains the entire universe in His expansion of Kṣīrodakaśāyī Viṣṇu, residing in the hearts of all living beings; His glories are sung by the Vedic Hymns as the Garbhodakaśāyī Viṣṇu of thousands and thousands of heads—*sahasra-śiṣā puruṣaḥ*; within His womb (*garbha*) unlimited universes are situated; and as the Supersoul—the Supreme Male—He is the shelter of the entire multitude of *jīva*-souls.

Verse 3

यस्यांशो व्यूहमध्ये विलसति परमव्योम्नि सङ्कर्षणाख्य
आतन्वन् शुद्धसत्त्वं निखिलहरिसुखं चेतनं लीलया च ।
जीवाहङ्कारभावास्पद इति कथितः कुत्रचिज्जीववद् यः
श्रीनित्यानन्दचन्द्रं भज भज सततं गौर-कृष्णप्रदं तम् ॥३॥

yasyāṁśo vyūha-madhye vilasati parama-vyomni saṅkarṣaṇākhyā
ātanvan śuddha-sattvaṁ nikhila-hari-sukhaṁ chetanam līlayā cha
jīvāhaṅkāra-bhāvāspada iti kathitah kutrachij-jīvavad yaḥ
śrī-nityānandachandram bhaja bhaja satataṁ gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradam tam

Oh my heart, please eternally render Divine Service to that gracious giver of Gaura-Kṛṣṇa—Śrī Nityānandachandra. In the great Transcendental Kingdom *Paravyoma Vaikuṅṭha* He expands into the form of Saṅkarṣaṇa of the first Quadruple Expansion, in which form He ever expands the ecstasy of the Divine Pastimes of Śrī Hari in the plane of pure existence (*Śuddha-Sattva*); within the *jīvas* He presides as the ego, and sometimes He shows His Divine Pastimes just like an ordinary *jīva*.

Verse 4

यश्चादिव्यूहमध्ये प्रभवति सगणो मूलसङ्कर्षणाख्यो
द्वारावत्यां तदूर्द्धे मधुपुरि वसति प्राभवाख्यो विलासः ।
सर्व्वांशी रामनामा ब्रजपुरि रमते सानुजो यः स्वरूपे
श्रीनित्यानन्दचन्द्रं भज भज सततं गौर-कृष्णप्रदं तम् ॥४॥

yaś chādivyūha-madhye prabhavati sagaṇo mūla-saṅkarṣaṇākhyo
dvārāvatyāṁ tad ūrdhhe madhupuri vasati prābhavākhyo vilāsaḥ
sarvvāṁśī rāma-nāmā vrajapuri ramate sānujo yaḥ svarūpe
śrī-nityānandachandram bhaja bhaja satataṁ gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradam tam

Oh heart, please constantly serve the dust of the lotus feet of the gracious bestower of Gaura-Kṛṣṇa—Śrī Nityānandachandra. It is He who presides in all His glory in Dwārakā with His Transcendental Associates, as the original Saṅkarṣaṇa: above that plane, in Mathurā He enjoys His Pastimes in the form known as *Prābhava-vilāsa*; and in Vrajapuri, He is known as Balarāma, the root of all Incarnations, and He plays with His younger brother, His all-in-all—Śrī Kṛṣṇa.

श्रीकृष्णप्रेमनामा परमसुखमयः कोऽप्यचिन्त्यः पदार्थो
यद्गन्धात्सज्जनौघा निगम-बहुमतं मोक्षमप्याक्षिपन्ति ।
कैवल्यैश्वर्य्यसेवा-प्रदगण इति यस्याङ्गतः प्रेमदातुः
श्रीनित्यानन्दचन्द्रं भज भज सततं गौर-कृष्णप्रदं तम् ॥५॥

śrī-kṛṣṇa-premanāmā parama-sukhamayaḥ ko 'py achintyaḥ padārtho
yad gandhāt sajjanaughā nigama-bahumatam mokṣam apy ākṣipanti
kaivalyaisvarya-sevā-pradagaṇa iti yasyāṅgataḥ premadātuḥ
śrī-nityānandachandram bhaja bhaja satatam gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradam tam

My dear heart, please eternally worship that gracious giver of Gaura-Kṛṣṇa—Śrī Nityānandachandra. It is He who bestows upon us the Divine Love for the Supreme Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. The quality of that Love that He gives is such an inconceivable element—it is of such ecstasy that the *sadhus* who may experience only a hint of its fragrance, hatefully cast away all thought of liberation in the 'One' as propounded in the *Vedas*: and the *Avatāras* who can bestow Divine Service in the Transcendental Majesty of Vaikuṅṭha are but expansions of His expansion.

यो बाल्ये लील्यैकः परममधुरया चैकचक्रानगर्य्या
मातापित्रोर्जनानामथ निज-सुहृदां ह्लादयंश्चित्तचक्रम् ।
तीर्थान् वभ्राम सर्व्वानुपहत जनको न्यासिना प्रार्थितश्च
श्रीनित्यानन्दचन्द्रं भज भज सततं गौर-कृष्णप्रदं तम् ॥६॥

yo bālye līlayaikāḥ parama-madhurayā chaikachakrānagaryyām
mātā-pitror janānām atha nija-suhṛdām hlādayamś chitta-chakram
tīrthān vabhrāma sarvvānupahrta janako nyāsinā prāthitaś cha
śrī-nityānandachandram bhaja bhaja satatam gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradam tam

Oh my dear heart! Please serve forever the lotus feet of that glorious giver of Gaura-Kṛṣṇa, who is known as Śrī Nityānandachandra. He gave great joy to the hearts of His mother and father, friends and relatives, manifesting His most charming childhood Pastimes in the village of Ekachakra; and He wandered on pilgrimage throughout the Holy Places by the wish of a *sannyāsī*.

Verse 7

भ्रामं भ्रामञ्च तीर्थान् यतिमुकुटमणिमाधवेन्द्रप्रसङ्गात्
लब्धोल्लासः प्रतिक्ष्य प्रकटितचरितं गौरधामाजगाम ।
श्रीगौरः श्रीनिवासादिभिरपि यमावापालये नन्दनस्य
श्रीनित्यानन्दचन्द्रं भज भज सततं गौर-कृष्णप्रदं तम् ॥७॥

bhrāmaṁ bhrāmaṁ cha tīrthān yati-mukuta-maṇi-madhavendra-prasaṅgāt
labdhollāsaḥ pratikṣya prakṛita-charitaṁ gauradhāmājagāma
śrī-gauraḥ śrīnivāsādibhir api yamāvā-pālaye nandanasya
śrī-nityānandachandraṁ bhaja bhaja satataṁ gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradaṁ tam

Dear heart, please eternally serve the lotus feet of that wonderful Śrī Nityānandachandra who is the giver of Gaura-Kṛṣṇa! While wandering throughout the Holy Places His heart became filled with ecstasy by the association of the crown jewel of *sannyāsins* Śrīla Mādhavendra Puri, and He came to Gaura Dhāma, the Holy abode of Śrī Gaurāṅga. There He waited at the house of Nandanāchāryya for the Self-revelation of the Golden Lord Gaurasundara with His associates headed by Śrīnivās.

Verse 8

प्राप्ताज्ञो गौरचन्द्रादखिलजनगणोद्धार-नामप्रदो न
यः प्राप्य द्वौ सुरापौ कलिकलुषहतौ भ्रातरौ ब्रह्मदैत्यौ ।
गाढप्रेमप्रकाशैः कृतरुधिरवपुश्चापि तावुज्जहार
श्रीनित्यानन्दचन्द्रं भज भज सततं गौर-कृष्णप्रदं तम् ॥८॥

prāptājño gaurachandrādakhilajana-gaṇoddhāra-nāma-pradāne
yaḥ prāpya dvau surāpau kalikaluṣa-hatau bhrātarau brahma-dayitau
gāḍha-prema-prakāśaiḥ kṛta-rudhira-vapuś chāpi tāvujjahāra
śrī-nityānandachandraṁ bhaja bhaja satataṁ gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradaṁ tam

My heart, please constantly give thyself to the Divine Service of that gracious bestower of Gaura-Kṛṣṇa, Śrī Nityānandachandra! It was He who received the Divine instruction from Gaurachandra to deliver all souls by bestowing Divine Love through the Holy Name in this Kali-yuga, the most inauspicious age; by His deep Divine Love He delivered those two fallen wine-drinking *brāhmaṇas* (Jagāi and Madhāi) even after they had attacked Him and blood was oozing from His body.

Verse 9

साक्षाद्गौरो गणानां शिरसि यदवधूतस्य कौपीनखण्डं
संधर्तुञ्चादिदेशासव-यवनवधूस्पृष्ट-दृष्टोऽपि वन्द्यः ।
ब्रह्माद्यानामपीति प्रभुपरिहतकानामपि स्वेष्टपीठः
श्रीनित्यानन्दचन्द्रं भज भज सततं गौर-कृष्णप्रदं तम् ॥९॥

sākṣād-gauro gaṇānām śirasi yad avadhūtasya kaupīna-khaṇḍam
saṁdharttuñ chādideśāsava-yavana-vadhū-sprṣṭa-drṣṭo 'pi vandyah
brahmādyānām apīti prabhu-parihṛtakā-nām api sveṣṭapīṭhaḥ
śrī-nityānandachandram bhaja bhaja satatam gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradam tam

Please worship eternally, dear heart, that gracious bestower of Gaura-Kṛṣṇa, Śrī Nityānandachandra. Śrī Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu ordered all His beloved followers to accept with worshipful reverence any small piece of the *kaupīn* (loin cloth) of Nityānanda Prabhu, the topmost of personalities above all social norms and strictures (*avadhūta*). Even if He is seen to touch an immoral drunken woman or *yavanī* He is nonetheless worshippable by all the gods headed by Brahmā. And He is the most beloved of the beloved of Śrī Chaitanyadev.

Verse 10

उद्धर्तुं ज्ञामकर्माद्यपहतचरितान्-गौरचन्द्रो यदासौ
न्यासं कृत्वा तु माया मृगमनुसृतवान् ग्राहयन् कृष्णनाम ।
तच्छायेवान्वधावत् स्थल-जल-गहने योऽपि तस्येष्ट-चेष्टः
श्रीनित्यानन्दचन्द्रं भज भज सततं गौर-कृष्णप्रदं तम् ॥१०॥

uddharttuṁ jñāna-karmādy apahata-charitān-gaura-chandro yad āsau
nyāsam kṛtvā tu māyā mṛgamanuṣṛtavān grāhayan kṛṣṇa-nāma
tach chāyevānvadhāvat sthala-jala-gahane yo 'pi tasyeṣṭa-cheṣṭaḥ
śrī-nityānandachandram bhaja bhaja satatam gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradam tam

Oh my heart, please eternally render Divine Service unto that bestower of Gaura-Kṛṣṇa, Śrī Nityānandachandra. Śrī Gaurachandra manifest His *sannyāsa-līlā* for the purpose of delivering the persons of warped logic deviated by exploitation and renunciation (*karma* and *jnana*). He delivered them by making them all chant the Holy Name of Kṛṣṇa. After Mahāprabhu's acceptance of *sannyāsa*, Nityānanda Prabhu followed Him faithfully like a shadow wherever He went—over hill and dale and forest or river. Nityānanda Prabhu is the fulfiller of the heart's wishes of Śrī Gaurachandra.

श्रीराधाप्रेमलुब्धो दिवसनिशितदास्वादमत्तैकलीलो
गौरो यञ्चादिदेश स्वपरिकरवृतं कृष्णनाम प्रदातुम् ।
गौडेऽबाधं ददौ यः सुभग-गणधनं गौरनाम प्रकामं
श्रीनित्यानन्दचन्द्रं भज भज सततं गौर-कृष्णप्रदं तम् ॥११॥

śrī-rādhā-prema-lubdho divasa-niśi-tadā-svāda-mattaika-līlo
gauro yañ chādideśa svaparikara-vṛtaṁ kṛṣṇa-nāma pradatum
gauḍe 'bādham dadau yaḥ subhaga-gaṇadhanam gauranāma prakāmaṁ
śrī-nityānandachandram bhaja bhaja satataṁ gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradam tam

Day and night Śrī Chaitanya Mahāprabhu was intoxicated, tasting the sweetest Love Divine in the deep heart of Śrīmatī Rādhārānī. In that condition, He instructed Nityānanda Prabhu and His associates to preach the Holy Name of Kṛṣṇa, *Śrī Kṛṣṇa-nama*. But Śrī Nityānanda Prabhu then went to Gauḍadeśa and profusely distributed the priceless treasure of the true devotees—the Holy Name of Śrī Gaura, *Śrī Gaura-nāma*. Oh my dear heart, please give yourself in service forever unto that gracious benefactor of Gaura-Kṛṣṇa—Śrī Nityānandachandra.

श्रीराधाकृष्णलीलारस-मधुरसुधास्वादशुद्धैकमूर्त्तौ
गौरे श्रद्धां दृढां भो प्रभुपरिकर-सम्राट् प्रयच्छाधमेऽस्मिन् ।
उल्लङ्घ्याङ्घ्रिं हि यस्याखिलभजनकथा स्वप्रवचैव मिथ्या
श्रीनित्यानन्दचन्द्रं पतितशरणदं गौरदं तं भजेऽहम् ॥१२॥

śrī-rādhā-kṛṣṇa-līlā-rasa-madhura-sudhā-svāda-śuddhaika-mūrtau
gaure śraddhām dṛḍhām bho prabhuparikara-samrāṭ prayachchhādhamē 'smin
ullaṅghrim hi yasyākhila-bhajana-kathā svapnavach chaiva mithyā
śrī-nityānandachandram bhaja bhaja satataṁ gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradam tam

Dear Lord, Oh Nityānanda Prabhu, King of the associates of Śrīman Mahāprabhu! Graciously grant this fallen soul firm and faithful devotion for Śrī Gaurāṅga, the embodiment of the sweet nectar of the ecstasy of Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa's Pastimes. By neglecting the lotus feet of Nityānanda Prabhu all *sādhana* or *bhajana*—spiritual practices, services or worship—become an illusion, just like a dream. I worship and adore with all my heart that gracious giver of Śrī Gaura, the gracious bestower of His shelter to the fallen souls—Śrī Nityānandachandra.