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Prayer for the Merciful Sidelong Glance of Shri Radha
Found in the Urdhvamnaya Tantra
English translation by Manish Modi

Mighty mendicants pay obeisance at her feet
She can rid the three worlds of unhappiness
Her lotus-shaped face is always smiling
She lives in the palace of beautiful twines

Princess of King Vrajendrabhanu
And Queen of Lord Krishna’s heart

O goddess Radha, when will you look upon me,
your devotee, with benevolence? I

You reside in the temple made of ashoka twines
Your feet are pink like coral, fire and new leaves
Your blessings bring devotees the gifts they desire
You are always pleased to bless the deserving ones
Your hands are like lotuses
You are the unique empress of endless wealth and riches
O goddess Radha, when will you look upon me,
your devotee, with benevolence? 2

On the play of love, during an auspicious episode
Playfully raising your eyebrows, pretending surprise
Using coy glances, you keep Lord Krishna enraptured
O goddess Radha, when will you look upon me,
your devotee, with benevolence? 3

You are fair-skinned, your complexion is likened to
Lightening, gold and the campa flower
Your limbs glow with the lustre of gold
The moon-like glow of your lotus-like face wins
The hearts of crores of full moons
Each moment you display different aspects of your qualities
O goddess Radha, when will you look upon me,
your devotee, with benevolence? 4

You are engrossed in your beauty and youth
Your heart full of love and happiness is your best jewel
You are painted in the hue of your loved one
Many loving men and women skilled in the arts are your devotees
You are the mistress of the art of love and pleasure
O goddess Radha, when will you look upon me,
your devotee, with benevolence? 5

Your beauty is enhanced by all gestures,
Your body is bejewelled by patience, and diamond necklaces
Your full breasts are like pots of pure gold,
Like the cheeks of a female elephant
Of a pleasant disposition, there is always a smile playing
On your lips, displaying the ocean of bliss that resides in you
O goddess Radha, when will you look upon me,
your devotee, with benevolence? 6
Your delicate arms are like the stem of a lotus,  
Swaying gently in the waves  
Like leaves stirred by a soft breeze  
You look out of vivacious blue eyes  
Your presence is alluring, attractive and captivating  
You capture the heart and mind  
You are a shelter to the besotted heart of Lord Krishna  
O goddess Radha, when will you look upon me,  
your devotee, with benevolence? 7

There are three lines on your bejewelled torso  
Your throat is beautiful like a conch  
You wear a three-stranded necklace  
With a tri-coloured pendant  
Your dark flowing curly hair has been braided by divine flowers  
O goddess Radha, when will you look upon me,  
your devotee, with benevolence?  
When will I be capable of paying in obeisance to your divine feet? 8

Your slim waist is encircled by a strand of jewels  
Which has flowers made of gold and studded with jewels  
Which jingle merrily and create a beautiful sound  
Your thighs are beautiful like the elephants trunk  
O goddess Radha, when will you look upon me,  
your devotee, with benevolence?  
And when will you help me cross the ocean of transmigration? 9

The anklets at your feet jingle creating music that  
Sounds like the mantras from the Vedas  
The jewels studded in your anklets remind one of  
A family of majestic swans  
When you walk, your lissome body  
Looks like a swaying golden twine
O goddess Radha, when will you look upon me,
your devotee, with benevolence?
When will I be privileged to be your humble servant? 10

You are the goddess of millions of heavens
You are worshipped by LakShmI, the goddess of wealth
And by ParvatI, by IndraNI and by SarasvatI, the goddess of wisdom
They have all worshipped you and are blessed by you
Even worshipping your toenails brings one endless mystic powers
O goddess Radha, when will you look upon me,
your devotee, with benevolence? 11

Mother Radha, you are the recipient of all yajnas;
doer of all deeds; overlord of all the gods and goddesses;
All the Vedas and all speech;
Mistress of Formal Logic
Of the goddesses Rama and KShama
And owner of the Forest of Happiness
O goddess Radha, when will you look upon me,
your devotee, with benevolence? 12

O forever young goddess,
Upon hearing this strange devotional poem
Make this slave forever a recipient of your benevolence
Your benign glance is enough to destroy all my karmas
And earn me a place at the feet of Lord Krishna
In a state of eternal bliss
O goddess Radha, please accept my million-fold obeisance at your feet 13

If a seeker with pure mind were to recite this prayer with complete concentration on the
full moon day, the aShTamI, the dashamI, the ekadashI and the trayodashI, all his desires
shall be fulfilled. With the glance of Radha, he will gain the opportunity to do bhakti, which
is the attribute of one who truly loves God. 14-15
One who recites this prayer one hundred times while standing in the waters of Shri Radha KuNDa up to his thighs, navel, chest, or neck will fulfil all his goals. He might also attain the power that whatever he says will come true. He shall attain divinity and be able to gaze at the goddess Radha with his own eyes. 16-17

So pleased will goddess Radha be that she will instantaneously bestow upon the reciter of this prayer the supreme boon of being able to gaze at her beloved Lord Shyamasundara with his own eyes. Then, the lord of Vraja grants the reciter of this prayer an entrance into his eternal IlIa. Can there be a greater boon for the true VaiShNava? 18-19

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