Fie on this great learning and study of scriptures,
Pride, impudence, and self-conceit are its offspring;
Ignorant of 'how' and 'who' chants the prayer ceaselessly,
Why not at least recite this simple chant of 'Hare Rama'. .. 1..

Fie on this drying up of the throat to recite the Vedas,
Beware of getting locked up in penance;
Know the great danger that follows improper actions,
Why not at least recite this simple chant of 'Hare Rama'. .. 2..
प्रियम् मंऽाचे साथ हरे राम हा मंऽ सोपा जपा रे ॥ ३॥

This human form you have acquired,
The fruition of many lives of meritorious acts;
Why do you involve it in the pursuit of sensory pleasures?
Why not at least recite this simple chant of ’ Hare Rama ’.. 3..

जरी ही तनू रक्षिस्सी पुर्व काहीं ।
तरी भोग तो रोग होईल देही ॥
विपत्तीपुढें ते न ये बोलतं रे ।
हरे राम हा मंऽ सोपा जपा रे ॥ ४॥

Even if you protect and nourish this body,
Know for sure it will fall to disease through enjoyment of pleasures,
And to unspeakable calamities.
Why not at least recite this simple chant of ’ Hare Rama ’.. 4..

खुळे हस्तपादादि हे भम्र होती ।
दिठी मंद होऊनियां कर्ण जाती ॥
तनू कम्प सवंगिं होती कथ्या रे ।
हरे राम हा मंऽ सोपा जपा रे ॥ ५॥

The madly active limbs will shatter,
All senses,like hearing will fade and fail;
Tremors will afflict the whole body;
Why not at least recite this simple chant of ’ Hare Rama ’.. 5..

कर्ण कंठ हा रूढ होईल जेख्या ।
अकस्मात तो प्राण जाईल तेख्या ॥
तुम्हा कोण तेखं सखे सोयरे रे ।
हरे राम हा मंऽ सोपा जपा रे ॥ ६॥

When your throat will get blocked by secretions,
Unexpectedly will the life end;
What friends and kinsmen will you have then?
Why not at least recite this simple chant of ’Hare Rama’.. 6..

Your childhood and youth have now slipped by,
We know not how death whisks us away;
You may have to perform the obsequies of your own child;
Why not at least recite this simple chant of ’Hare Rama’.. 7..

Give up the evil lust for others’ wives and wealth,
Serve not others in servility,
A slave you will be in others’ eyes,
Why do you not chant this simple prayer ’Hare Rama’ .. 8..

Haughtily you behave and speak to holy persons,
Dim-witted, you know not your well-being,
Idle and wasteful will be your pursuits,
Why do you not chant this simple prayer ’Hare Rama’ .. 9..
Vice it is to engage in aimless furious activities,
Wasted life cannot be bought by any wealth,
You know not wherein your profit lies,
Why do you not chant this simple prayer  Hare Rama  .. 10..

Your kinsmen are merely after (your) wealth,
Unceremoniously will they send your body on the funeral pyre,
Knowing all this, strive for your (spiritual) welfare.
Why do you not chant this simple prayer  Hare Rama  .. 11..

Family you have with wife, children, and servants,
Suffering endless misery, you support them,
Will you not like to lighten this arduous burden,
Why do you not chant this simple prayer  Hare Rama  .. 12..
Much fame and honor do you desire,
Happiness, though, dwells not in your heart,
For free can you chant (God’s) name, and yet you do not,
Why do you not chant this simple prayer Hare Rama .. 13..

Death’s messengers, ferocious, will arrive,
And drag your subtle body,
Only to break, revile, and punish it!
Why do you not chant this simple prayer Hare Rama .. 14..

Let no pleasures intoxicate you,
Let not your mind cling to hypocritical honors,
Show off never the burden of matted hair, and ash-smereared body,
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 15..

Long not for initiation, by the side of the sacred fire,
Long not for the powers of deathly and evil incantations,
Deceitful cleverness is no better than vomit,
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 16

Bother not with the eight steps of yoga, or the control of breath,
Stick not stubbornly to rituals of fasting,
Corrupted practices will only lead you on the wrong path,
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 17

What will vows, sacrifices, and charity accomplish?
Or by the hoarding of wealth?
Nothing prevents what is bound to happen, for free can you pray,
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 18

Fleeting appearances reveal not truth,
Even honest-appearing folks may rob you,
Neither wife nor son may help you in time of need,
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 19
Never mind going on pilgrimages,
Punishing the body thus, all your limbs will feel weak,
Afflictions only will you add to your life,
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 20

When Death will bind you in his grip,
Tell me what friend will release you,
Death shows never any compassion, mindful be
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 21..

Gone are the greatest of ascetics,
Gone are even those who could create other universes,
Long-lived for aeons, gone are they, thus think and
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 22..
Many and varied works you pursue,
How much you strut with your name and fame,
What need have you for camels, horses, and drums?
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 23..

Say you, my country, my land, my town, my palaces,
Seat yourself in a palanquin held aloft,
Roll and roll on a high fancy bed, instead
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 24..

Inflated with pride was Ravana in Lanka,
Sudden was his departure,
Vibhishana (a devotee of Rama), was handed the kingdom, so
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 25..

In the mother’s womb, with lowered head in foul surroundings,
Ripened this body after endless suffering,
Remember you not this, and feel no shame, why?

Why not at least recite this simple chant of ’Hare Rama’.. 26..

असे भोगुनी पंचचत्वारि मासीं ।
पुढे देवयोगं सत्या जनमलासी ॥
कसा वीसरे ध्यान सोहं पुढे रे ।
हरे राम हा मंऽ सोपा जपा रे ॥ २७॥

Suffering thus for nine months,
By chance you took birth,
Forgetting the meditation of ’I AM THAT TRUTH’,
Why not at least recite this simple chant of ’Hare Rama’.. 27..

कळे वायुचा स्मरं होतांचि जेठां ।
रडे पाठ कोंह म्हणे जीव तेठां ॥
पुढे खेट नानापरी खेटसी रे ।
हरे राम हा मंऽ सोपा जपा रे ॥ २८॥

When the wind of breath enters the body,
Cries the infant ’WHO AM I’?
But forgets in the world of play ahead,
Why not at least recite this simple chant of ’Hare Rama’.. 28..

दिसंदीस माता पिता बंधु जाणे ।
परी रोग नाना करी तेथ ठाणे ॥
जरी देवयोगं पुढे वांचला रे ।
हरे राम हा मंऽ सोपा जपा रे ॥ २९॥

Day by day, recognition dawns of mother, father, brother,
But diseases galore make the body their home,
And perchance survive, therefore
Why not at least recite this simple chant of ’Hare Rama’.. 29..
करी लुङ्म मुंजी पितामाय त्यांचे ।
करी शाहणा मारुनी रूप साचं ॥
करी पोटथंदा भला चांगला रे ।
हरे राम हा मंत्र सोपा जपा रे ॥ ३०॥

Father and mother have him undergo the vows of upanayana and marriage,
Teach him, not even foregoing the cane !, in honesty,
Earns a living, good and proper, but
Why not at least recite this simple chant of ’Hare Rama’. 30..

बहु पाणिल्या पोषिल्या मायावापी ।
निवेच भिन्न निंदौँन्यां पापरूपी ॥
खिचेच्येते म्हणेसे शेवटी दुर्गती रे ।
हरे राम हा मंत्र सोपा जपा रे ॥ ३१॥

Nurtured and nourished by the parents,
Yet he turns out to be hateful and vicious,
Carnal lust drives him to disaster, if
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama.. 31..

शतायू नव्हे पूर्ण आयुष्य काहीं ।
असें हीत आहीत तें आथ पाहीं ॥
अदाहीमच्यं वाधातरुण्य सारं ।
हरे राम हा मंत्र सोपा जपा रे ॥ ३२॥

Living for a hundred years means not a fulfilled life,
Examine first the true meaning of life,
Without it, the whole childhood and youth slip by, so
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 32..

करीशील धर्माश्रमा अस्त जेव्हां ।
बहु घातपाती घरी होय तेव्हां ॥
भरी पोट पोषीं कुटुम्बा बरा रे ।
When you will let righteousness fade like the sunset,
Your home will become a den of destruction,
Even if you can feed the whole family sumptuously, therefore
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 33..

From sunrise till sunset, you work to earn a living,
Flattering, supplicating, and obliging others,
You know not what is in store for you in the future, so
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 34..

Heaps of wealth lie all around you,
Intoxicated, you dance there,
Know you not that hell awaits the arrogant,
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 35..

You decorate your body with ornaments,
Looking at yourself in the mirror, you take mental delight,
Know you not that this body will burn on the funeral pyre, so
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 36..

Despite with plentiful wealth, you long to earn more,
Even if it means insulting your teachers, brothers, and sages,
Why this inordinate desire leading you like a torch?
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 37..

Old age weakens the body,
And your wife, children and grand-children
surround you with affectionate chaos,
Bereft of wealth, you will be as good as excreta,
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 38..

When Time drives Death to your door,
You will hear this roar of the Vedas for hours,
This weakened life of yours is ending, know
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 39..

कसी जन्मुनी माय त्वां वाङ्ग केठी ।
कसी ताज वंशा कुठा तावितेती ॥
भूमिभार प्रोडा पशु हा खरा रे ।
हरे राम हा मंत्र सोपा जपा रे ॥ ४०॥

How could you make your mother barren after you were born ?
How could you tarnish your family and lineage ?
A burden to the earth, as good as a stone, or a beast, by forgettig
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 40..

कसा कोणता काल येईल केघां ।
दिनासातिसा काल नेईल तेघां ॥
तुझ्ये विच्व तारूण्य थोपेल सारें ।
हरे राम हा मंत्र सोपा जपा रे ॥ ४१॥

When and how death will strike you,
When death will carry you away,
Wealth and youth will fade away, no matter
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 41..

तुला देंडती खुंडित कुम्भपाकी ।
तुला खंडुनी अत्रिकुंडोत टाकी ॥
तुला ओटिती सांडसे तोडिती रे ।
हरे राम हा मंत्र सोपा जपा रे ॥ ४२॥

Punished and battered in hell,
Landing in a pyre of fire,
Dragging and dismembering may be your lot after death, yet
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 42..

असा उंच भोगूनियां कल्पकोटी ।
पुनः जन्म चे लक्ष्योऽयंशि कोटी ।
महासंकटी हिम्मुटी जीव सारे ।
हरे राम हा मंत्र सोपा जपा रे ॥ ४३॥

Enjoying the pleasures for aeons,
You will return to this life millions of times,
In times of great danger, all beings are sad, so
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 43..

नको सौंग छेंदे करू दोंग कांही ।
नको शिष्यशाखा मठी सूक्ष नाही ॥
महंतीमुळे नाश होतो तपा रे ।
हरे राम हा मंत्र सोपा जपा रे ॥ ४४॥

Let not your passions drive you to pretense and hypocrisy,
Happiness dwells not in throngs of disciples, or in monasteries,
Destructive of askesis is this longing for the splendor of chieftaincy.
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 44..

नको चाउटी वाउगी या जनासी ।
हरीचित्ती व्यास ठावी मनासी ॥
अमोतीक हा काण्ड जातो वृथा रे ।
हरे राम हा मंत्र सोपा जपा रे ॥ ४५॥

Indulge not in idle gossip,
Steep your mind in the remembrance of Hari.
Precious time is being wasted away, so
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 45..

महाघोर हा थोर संसार मोठा ।
कठे संतसंगें समस्तीच खोटा ॥
कठे भुक्ति मुक्ति विर्तकी चागा रे ।
हरे राम हा मंत्र सोपा जपा रे ॥ ४६॥
Fiendish is this great cycle of existence,
Know its inherent falsity, if only you will associate with the saintly,
You will realise then bondage of enjoyment, liberation, and renunciation.
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 46..

Evil company, abjure; meet the sagacious;
Pursue your well-being, and avoid this vicious cycle of rebirths.
The end of life also is full of sorrow.
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 47..

Excess in pleasures is sure to be followed by hell.
Knowing this, seek the true happiness.
Why spend time in this life speaking unworthy thoughts, instead
Only chant this simple prayer, Hare Rama .. 48..

Penance of all sorts can you give up in this age of Kali,
If only you can surrender yourself with this chant,
Acquire this rosary of chanting Hare Rama, so simple
Keep chanting Hare Rama, I plead with you .. 49..

॥ श्रीराम मंत्राचे श्लोक सार्थ ॥

॥ श्रीजय जय रघुवीर समर्थ ॥

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