

Children's Assignment (January-February 2005)

Jagannth Astakam (The first three stanzas)

(1) kadacit kalindi-tata-vipina-sangitaka-ravo
mudabhiri-nari-vadana-kamalasvada-madhupa
rama-shambhu-brahmamara-pati-ganesharcita-pado
jagannatha svami nayana-patha-gami bhavatu me

(2) bhuje savye venum shirasi shikhi-puccham kati-tate
dukulam netrante sahadara-katakisham vidadhate
sada shrimad-vrindavana-vasati-lila-paricayo
jagannatha svami nayana-patha-gami bhavatu me

(3) mahambhodhes tire kanaka-rucire nila-shikhare
vasan prasadata sahaja-balabhadrena balina
subhadra-madhya-stha sakala-sura-sevasara-do
jagannatha svami nayana-patha-gami bhavatu me



Sometimes in great happiness Lord Jagannatha makes a loud concert with His flute in the groves on the banks of the Yamuna. He is like a bumblebee tasting the beautiful lotuslike faces of the cowherd damsels of Vraja, and great personalities such as Laksmi, Siva, Brahma, Indra, and Ganesa worship His lotus feet. May that Jagannatha Svami be the object of my vision.

In His left hand Lord Jagannatha holds a flute, on His head He wears peacock feathers, and on His hips He wears fine yellow silken cloth. From the corners of His eyes He bestows sidelong glances upon His loving devotees, and He always reveals Himself through His pastimes in His divine abode of Vrindavana. May that Jagannatha Svami be the object of my vision.

On the shore of the great ocean, within a large palace atop the brilliant, golden Nilacala Hill, Lord Jagannatha resides with His powerful brother Balabhadra and His sister Subhadra, who sits between Them. May that Jagannatha Svami, who bestows the opportunity for devotional service upon all godly souls, be the object of my vision.

Surrender

Twameba Mata Cha Pita Twameba
Twanmeba Bandhuscha Saka Twameba
Twameba Vidya Dravinang Twameba
Twameba Sarvang Mama Deva-Deva

"Thou art my mother; Thou art my father! Thou art my friend; Thou art my companion; Thou art my learning; Thou art my wealth; Thou art my all-in-all. Oh! My Lord of Lords!!"

Happy Wish for the World

Sarve Bhavantu Sukhina
Sarve Santu Niramaya
Sarve Bhadrani Pashyantu
Maa Kaschit Dukha Bhagh Bhavet

**May all live happily.
May all enjoy good health.
May all see auspiciousness.
May none experience distress.
May peace prevail everywhere!**