

## Transliteration–Telugu

Transliteration as per Modified Harvard-Kyoto (HK) Convention  
(including Telugu letters – Short e, Short o) -

a A i I u U  
R RR IR IRR  
e E ai o O au M (H or :)

(e – short | E – Long | o – short | O – Long)

k kh g gh n/G  
c ch j jh n/J  
T Th D Dh N  
t th d dh n  
p ph b bh m  
y r l L v  
S sh s h

(jn – as in jnAna)

### bRndAvana lOla-tODi

In the kRti 'bRndAvana lOla' – rAga tODi (tALa rUpakaM), SrI tyAgarAja sings praises of Lord gOvinda.

P bRndAvana lOla gOvind(A)ravinda nayana

A sundar(A)nga <sup>1</sup>dhRta rath(A)nga  
sujan(A)ri timira patanga (bRndAvana)

C mAm-ava SrI ramaNI maNi madan(A)Srita mitra  
<sup>2</sup>rAma dAsa dAsa tyAgarAja nuta caritra (bRndAvana)

#### Gist

O Lord gOvinda, fond of bRndAvana! O Lotus Eyed!

O Lord with charming features! O Wielder of discus! O Lord who destroys enemies of the pious like Sun who dispels darkness!

O Beloved of lakshmI - a jewel (among women)! O Friend of those dependent on You! O Lord whose exploits have been extolled by this tyAgarAja – a disciple of rAma dAsa (or servant of devotees of SrI rAma)!

Please protect me.

#### Word-by-word Meaning

P O Lord gOvinda, fond of (lOla) bRndAvana! O Lotus (aravinda) (gOvindAravinda) Eyed (nayana)!

A O Lord with charming (sundara) features (anga) (sundarAnga)! O Wielder (dhRta) of discus – wheel - part (anga) of chariot (ratha) (rathAnga)! O Lord who destroys enemies (ari) of the pious (sujana) (sujanAri) like Sun (patanga) who dispels darkness (timira)!

O Lord gOvinda, fond of bRndAvana! O Lotus Eyed!

C Please protect (ava) me (mAM) (mAma), O Beloved (madana) (literally love or cupid) of lakshmi – Sri ramaNI - a jewel (maNi) (among women)!

O Friend (mitra) of those dependent (ASrita) (madanASrita) on You! O Lord whose exploits (caritra) have been extolled (nuta) by this tyAgarAja – a disciple (dAsa) of rAma dAsa (or servant of devotees of Sri rAma)!

O Lord gOvinda, fond of bRnDAvana! O Lotus Eyed!

Notes –

Variations –

References –

<sup>1</sup> – dhRta rathAGa – Though this should generally refer to discus, during the mahAbhArata war, Sri kRshNa actually wields the wheel of the chariot with the intention of slaying bhIshma. Please refer to Mahabharata, Book 6 – Bhishma Parva.

Comments -

<sup>2</sup> - rAma dAsa dAsa – This may mean either ‘servant of bhadrAcala rAma dAsa’ or ‘servant of devotees of Sri rAma’.

## Devanagari

प. बृन्दावन लोल गोवि(न्दा)रविन्द नयन

अ. सुन्द(रां)ग धृत र(थां)ग

सुज(ना)रि तिमिर पतंग (बृ)

च. मा(म)व श्री रमणी मणि मद(ना)श्रित मित्र

राम दास दास त्यागराज नुत चरित्र (बृ)

## English with Special Characters

pa. brndāvana lōla gōvi(ndā)ravinda nayana

a. sunda(rām̄)ga dhṛta ra(thām̄)ga

suja(nā)ri timira pataṅga (br̄)

ca. mā(ma)va śrī ramaṇī maṇi mada(nā)śrita mitra

rāma dāsa dāsa tyāgarāja nuta caritra (br̄)

## Telugu

ప. బృన్దావన లోల గోవి(న్దా)రవిన్డ నయన

అ. సున్ద(రాం)గ ధృత ర(థాం)గ

సుజ(నా)రి తిమిర పతంగ (బృ)

చ. మా(మ)వ శ్రీ రమణీ మణి మద(నా)శ్రిత మిత్ర

రామ దాస దాస త్యాగరాజ నుత చరిత్ర (బృ)



