

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 (jn – as in jnAna)
T Th D Dh N
t th d dh n
p ph b bh m
y r l L v
S sh s h

mahima taggincukO-rishabhapriya

In the kRti ‘mahima taggincukO’ – rAga rishabhapriya (tALa Adi), SrI tyAgarAja asks Lord not to be so strict with him.

P ¹mahima taggincukO(v)ayya
mahini satya svarUpuD(a)nu
mahA rAja rAj(E)Svara nI (mahima)

A vihita mArga bhaktulugA mahAtmulu
velayaga vina lEdA svakIyamagu (mahima)

C ²paniki rAni panulu jEsi SaraN(a)nu
vAri vetalu tIRci brOcitivE
tanivi tIra namminaD(a)nucu SrI
tyAgarAja nuta tappul(A)Daku (mahima)

Gist

O Great Overlord of Emperors! O Lord praised by this tyAgarAja!

Please tone down Your own greatness of being Embodiment of Truth in this Earth.

Have we not heard of great souls existing as devotees in the decreed path?

Isn't it that You protected by relieving the distress of those who, after having indulged in useless pursuits, sought Your refuge?

Considering that I trusted You very fondly, please don't nit-pick.

Word-by-word Meaning

P O Great (mahA) Overlord (ISvara) of Emperors (rAja rAja) (rAjESvara)!
O Lord (ayya)! Please tone down (taggincukO) (taggincukOvayya) Your (nI)

greatness (mahima) of being (anu) Embodiment (svarUpuDu) (svarUpuDanu) of Truth (satya) in this Earth (mahini).

A Have we not (IEdA) heard (vina) of great souls (mahAtmulu) existing (velayaga) (literally shining) as devotees (bhaktulugA) in the decreed (vihita) path (mArga)?

O The Great Overlord of Emperors! Please tone down Your own (svakIyamagu) greatness of being Embodiment of Truth in this Earth.

C Isn't it that You protected (brocitivE) by relieving (tIrci) the distress (vetalu) of those (vAri) who, after having indulged (jEsi) (literally done) in useless (paniki rAni) pursuits (panulu) (literally tasks), sought (anu) Your refuge (SaraNu) (SaraNanu)?

Considering that (anucu) I trusted (namminADu) (literally He has trusted) You very fondly (tanivi tIra), please don't nit-pick (tappulu ADaku) (tappulADaku);

O Lord praised (nuta) by this tyAgarAja! O The Great Overlord of Emperors! Please tone down Your greatness of being Embodiment of Truth in this Earth.

Notes –

Variations –

¹ – mahima taggincukO – In all the books it is given as 'mahima dakkincukO' and the meaning derived in all the books is 'tone down Your greatness'. In telugu the appropriate word for 'tone down' is 'taggincukO'.

References –

² - paniki rAni pani jEsi SaraNanu vAru – The reference may be to sugrIva. He sought refuge of SrI rAma only to safeguard his own welfare.

The story of ajAmila in SrImad-bhAgavatam (Book 6, Chapters 1-3) is also relevant because, having wasted a whole life, at the death bed, he uttered the name 'nArAyaNa' – to call his son who has been named so. That was sufficient enough reason for the Lord to send his emissaries to rescue him from the clutches of yama kiMkaras. Please refer to - <http://vedabase.net/sb/6/1/en>

Comments -

In the absence of any contextual reference, it is very difficult to translate truthfully such kRtis, particularly, vihita mArga – (decreed path) - tappulADaku – (don't nit-pick) – what these refer to is not clear.

What SrI tyAgarAja wants to say, in my humble opinion, is that 'I have surrendered to You (trusted You whole heartedly) in keeping with Your exhortation (SrImad-bhagavad-gItA, Chapter 18, verses 65 and 66); do not start nit-picking; now You keep Your side of promise.

The relevant verses of SrImad-bhagavad-gItA, Chapter 18 are –

man-manA bhava mad-bhaktO mad-yAji mAM namaskuru |
mAM-Evaishyasi satyaM tE pratijAnE priyO(a)si mE ||
sarva dharmAn-parityajya mAM-EkaM SaraNaM vraja |
ahaM tvA sarva pApEbhyO mOkshayishyAmi mA-SucaH || 65,66 ||

“Occupy thy mind with Me, be devoted to Me, sacrifice to Me, bow down to Me. Thou shalt reach Myself; truly do I promise unto thee, (for) thou are dear to Me. (65) Relinquishing all dharmA take refuge in Me alone; I will liberate thee from all sins; grieve not.” (66) (Translation by Swami Swarupananda)

Devanagari

- प. महिम तग्गिञ्चुको(व)य्य
महिनि सत्य स्वरूपु(ड)नु
महा राज रा(जे)श्वर नी (म)
अ. विहित मार्ग भक्तुलुगा महात्मुलु
वेलयग विन लेदा स्वकीयमगु (म)
च. पनिकि रानि पनुलु जेसि शर(ण)नु
वारि वेतलु तीर्चि ब्रोचितिवे
तनिवि तीर नम्मिना(ड)नुचु श्री
त्यागराज नुत तप्पु(ला)डकु (म)

English with Special Characters

- pa. mahima taggiñcukō(va)yya
mahini satya svarūpu(ḍa)nu
mahā rāja rā(jē)śvara nī (ma)
a. vihita mārga bhaktulugā mahātmulu
velayaga vina lēdā svakīyamagu (ma)
ca. paniki rāni panulu jēsi śara(ṇa)nu
vāri vetalu tīrci brōcitivē
tanivi tīra namminā(ḍa)nucu śrī
tyāgarāja nuta tappu(lā)ḍaku (ma)

Telugu

- ప. మహిమ తగ్గిచ్చుకో(వ)య్య
మహిని సత్య స్వరూపు(డ)ను
మహా రాజ రా(జే)శ్వర నీ (మ)
అ. విహిత మార్గ భక్తులుగా మహాత్ములు
వెలయగ విన లేదా స్వకీయమగు (మ)
చ. పనికి రాని పనులు జేసి శర(ణ)ను
వారి వెతలు తీర్చి బ్రోచితివే
తనివి తీర నమ్మినా(డ)నుచు శ్రీ

ತನಿವಿ ತೀರ ನಮ್ಮಿನಾ(ಡೆ)ನುಚು ಶ್ರೀ
ತ್ಯಾಗರಾಜ ಸುತ ತಪ್ಪು(ಲಾ)ಡೆಕು (ಮೆ)

Malayalam

- ಎ. ಮಹಿಮ ತಗ್ಗಿಣ್ಣುಕೊ(ವ)ಯ್ಯ
ಮಹಿನಿ ಸತ್ಯ ಸ್ವರೂಪು(ಡ)ನು
ಮಹಾ ರಾಜ ರಾ(ಜೆ)ಶ್ವರ ನೆ (ಮ)
- ಆ. ವಿಹಿತ ಮಾರ್ಗ ಭಕ್ತುಲುಗಾ ಮಹಾಬ್ಬಲು
ವಲಯಗ ವಿನ ಲೆದಾ ಸ್ವಕೀಯಮಗು (ಮ)
- ಇ. ಪನಿಕಿ ರಾನಿ ಪನುಲು ಜೆಸಿ ಶರ(ಣ)ನು
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ತನಿವಿ ತೀರ ನಮ್ಮಿನಾ(ಡ)ನುಚು ಶ್ರೀ
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Assamese

- ಪ. ಮಹಿಮ ತಗ್ಗಿಣ್ಣುಕೊ(ರ)ಯ್ಯ
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Bengali

- ಪ. ಮಹಿಮ ತಗ್ಗಿಣ್ಣುಕೊ(ವ)ಯ್ಯ
ಮಹಿನಿ ಸತ್ಯ ಸ್ವರೂಪು(ಡ)ನು
ಮಹಾ ರಾಜ ರಾ(ಜೆ)ಶ್ವರ ನೆ (ಮ)
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ତନିବି ତୀର ନମ୍ମିନା(ଡ)ନୁଚୁ ଶ୍ରୀ
ଆଗରାଜ ନୁତ ତମ୍ପୁ(ଲା)ଡକୁ (ମ)

Gujarati

୫. ମହିମ ତଗ୍ଗିଂଞ୍ଚୁଡ଼ୋ(ଘ)ଞ୍ଚ
ମହିନି ସତ୍ୟ ସ୍ଵରୂପୁ(ଠ)ନୁ
ମହା ରାଜ ରା(ଞ୍)ଶ୍ଵର ନୀ (ମ)
ଅ. ବିହିତ ମାର୍ଗା ଉକ୍ତୁଲୁଗା ମହାତ୍ମୁଲୁ
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ତ୍ୟାଗରାଜ ନୁତ ତମ୍ପୁ(ଲା)ଠକୁ (ମ)

Oriya

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Punjabi

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