

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)

nI bhakti-jayamanOhari

In the kRti ‘ nI bhakti bhagya sudhA’ – rAga jayamanOhari SrI tyAgarAja defines the purpose of life.

P nI bhakti bhAgya sudhA
nidhin(I)dEdE janmamu

A bhU-bhAramu kAni sura
bhU surulai 'janincina (nI)

C vEd(O)ktambau karmamu
veta galgu ²gat(A)gatamau
nAd(A)tmaka tyAgarAja
nAth(A)pramEya sadA (nI)

Gist

O Embodiment of nAda! O Master of this tyAgarAja! O Immeasurable Lord!

Always swimming the fortunate nectarine ocean of Your devotion is indeed (the purpose of) human birth.

Otherwise, even if one is born as a celestial or brAhmaNa, it is indeed a burden on the Earth.

The path of rites as propounded in vEda results in distressing cycle of birth and death.

Word-by-word Meaning

P Swimming (IdEdE) the fortunate (bhAgya) nectarine (sudhA) ocean (nidhini) (nidhinIdEdE) of Your (nI) devotion (bhakti) is indeed (the purpose of) human birth (janmamu).

A Otherwise (kAni), even if one is born (janincina) as a celestial (sura) or brAhmaNa (bhU-sura (surulai)), it is indeed a burden (bhAramu) on the Earth (bhU);

swimming the fortunate nectarine ocean of Your devotion is indeed (the purpose of) human birth.

C The path of rites (karmamu) as propounded (uktambau) in vEda (vEdOktambau) results in distressing (veta galgu) cycle of birth and death (gata Agatamu) (gatAgatamau) (literally going and coming);

O Embodiment (Atmaka) of nAda! O Master (nAtha) of this tyAgarAja!
O Immeasurable Lord (apramEya) (nAthAframEya)!

always (sadA) swimming the fortunate nectarine ocean of Your devotion is indeed (the purpose of) human birth.

Notes –

Variations -

¹ – janincina – janmincina.

References –

Comments -

² - gatAgamau - SrI tyAgarAja states that the karma gati (performance of vEdic karma without surrendering the results to the Lord) always results in repeated births for enjoying or suffering the results of puNya and pApa earned thereof; but these merits and demerits never get exhausted by following the path.

The great telugu composer and devotee of Lord venkaTESvara – annamAcArya, in his kRti ‘nAnATi batuku’ says - tegadu pApamu tIradu puNyamu – meaning ‘the sins cannot be rent asunder and the merits would not be exhausted’. For the complete song, please visit the web site - <http://www.karnatik.com/c1508.shtml>

In this regard the following verse from SrImad- bhagavad-gIta, Chapter 3 is relevant –

yajnArthAtkarmaNO(a)nyatra lOkO(a)yaM karma bandhanaH |
tadarthaM karma kauntEya mukta sangah samAcara || 9 ||

“The world is bound by actions other than those performed for the sake of yajna; do thou, therefore, O son of kuntI, perform action for yajna alone, devoid of attachment.” (Translation by Swami Swarupananda)

Devanagari

- प. नी भक्ति भाग्य सुधा
निधि(नी)देदे जन्ममु
अ. भू-भारमु कानि सुर
भू-सुरुलै जनिश्चिन (नी)
च. वे(दो)क्तम्बौ कर्ममु
वेत गल्लु ग(ता)गतमौ
ना(दा)त्मक त्यागराज
ना(था)प्रमेय सदा (नी)

English with Special Characters

pa. nī bhakti bhāgya sudhā
 nidhi(nī)dēdē janmamu
 a. bhū-bhāramu kāni sura
 bhū-surulai janiñcina (nī)
 ca. vē(dō)ktambau karmamu
 veta galgu ga(tā)gatamau
 nā(dā)tmaka tyāgarāja
 nā(thā)pramēya sadā (nī)

Telugu

ప. నీ భక్తి భాగ్య సుధా
 నిధి(నీ)దేదే జన్మము
 అ. భూ-భారము కాని సుర
 భూ-సురులై జనిజ్ఞిన (నీ)
 చ. వే(దో)క్తమౌ కర్మము
 వెత గల్లు గ(తా)గతమౌ
 నా(దా)త్మక త్యాగరాజ
 నా(థా)ప్రమేయ సదా (నీ)

Tamil

ப. நீ பா⁴க்தி பா⁴க்-ய ஸாதா⁴
 நிதி⁴(னீ)தே³தே³ ஜன்மமு
 அ. பூ⁴-பா⁴ரமு கானி ஸார
 பூ⁴-ஸாருலை ஜனிஞ்சின (நீ)
 ச. வே(தோ³)க்தம்-பெள³ கர்மமு
 வெத க³ல்கு³ க³(தா)க³தமெள
 நா(தா³)த்மக த்யாக³ராஜ
 நா(தா²)ப்ரமேய ஸதா³ (நீ)

உனது பத்திப்பேறனும் அமிழ்தக்
 கடலினை நீந்துவதே (நிசப்) பிறவியாகும்

புவிக்குச் சுமையே யன்றி, வாணோராகவோ
 அந்தணராகவோ பிறந்தாலும்,
 உனது பத்திப்பேறனும் அமிழ்தக்
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മന്ത്രകൾ പകർന്നും കരുമാവുകൾ
 തുയരണിക്കുമ് പിറപ്പ്-ഇരപ്പ് സൗലാകുമ്;
 നാത് ഉന്നവിന്നേ! തിയാകരാക്കണിൻ
 തലൈവാ! അണവിട്ട്‌കരിയനേ! എവ്വമധ്യമുമ്
 ഉണ്ടു പത്തിപ്പേരെന്നുമ് അമിത്തക്
 കടവിന്നെ നീന്തുവതേ (നിചപ്) പിറവിയാകുമ്

Kannada

- പ. നീ ഭക്തി ഭാഗ്യ സ്വദാ
 നിധി(നീ)ദേശേ ജന്മമു
 അ. ഭൂ-ഭാരമു കാനി സ്വർ
 ഭൂ-സ്വരുളീ ജനിജ്ഞീന (നീ)
 ച. വേ(ദോ)ക്ഷേമ്പൂ കർശമു
 വേത ഗല്ല ഗ(താ)ഗത്വോ
 നാ(ഡാ)ത്രുക്ക താഗരാജ
 നാ(ഥാ)പ്രമേയ സദാ (നീ)

Malayalam

- പ. നീ ഭക്തി ഭാഗ്യ സൃഷ്ടാ
 നിധി(നീ)ദേശേ ജനമു
 അ. ഭൂ-ഭാരമു കാനി സൃഷ്ട
 ഭൂ-സൃഷ്ടുലെ ജനിജ്വിന (നീ)
 ച. വേ(ദോ)കത്തംബവ കർമമു
 വേത ഗല്ലഗു ഗ(താ)ഗതമു
 നാ(ഡാ)ത്രക ത്യാഗരാജ
 നാ(മാ)പ്രമേയ സദാ (നീ)

Assamese

- প. නী ଭକ୍ତି ଭାଗ୍ୟ ସୁଧା
 ନିଧି(ନୀ)ଦେଶ ଜନମୁ
 ଅ. ଭୂ-ଭାରମୁ କାନି ସୁର
 ଭୂ-ସୁରଲୈ ଜନିଶିଳନ (ନୀ)
 ଚ. ରେ(ଦୋ)କସ୍ତୋ କର୍ମମୁ
 ରେତ ଗନ୍ଧ ଗ(ତା)ଗତମୌ

ના(દા)અક આગરાજ

ના(થા)પ્રમેય સદા (ની)

Bengali

প. নী ভক্তি ভাণ্ড সুধা

নিধি(নী)দেদে জনমু

অ. ভূ-ভারমু কানি সুর

ভূ-সুরুলৈ জনিঞ্চন (নী)

চ. বে(দો)ক্ষেৰী কৰ্মমু

বেত গন্ধু গ(তা)গতমৌ

ના(દા)અક આગરાજ

ના(થા)પ્રમેય સદા (ની)

Gujarati

પ. ની ભક્તિ ભાઈ સુધા

નિધિ(ની)દેદે જનમુ

અ. ભૂ-ભારમુ કાનિ સુર

ભૂ-સુરુલૈ જનિઞ્ચન (ની)

ચ. વે(દો)કતમ્બો કર્મમુ

વેત ગાણ્યુ ગ(તા)ગતમૌ

ના(દા)ત્મક ત્યાગરાજ

ના(થા)પ્રમેય સદા (ની)

Oriya

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ନିଧି(ନୀ)ଦେଦେ ଜନମୁ

ଆ. ଭୂ-ଭାରମୁ କାନି ସୁର

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ଚ. ଶ୍ଵେ(ଦୋ)କ୍ଷମୋ କର୍ମମୁ

ଶ୍ଵେତ ଗଲ୍ଘୁ ଗ(ତା)ଗତମୌ

ਨਾ(ਦਾ)ਛੁਕ ਉਧਾਰਾਇ
ਨਾ(ਥਾ)ਪ੍ਰਮੇਘ ਬਦਾ (ਜ1)

Punjabi

ਪ. ਨੀ ਭਕਿਤ ਭਾਰਜ ਸੁਧਾ

ਨਿਧਿ(ਨੀ)ਦੇਦੇ ਜਨਮਾਮੁ

ਅ. ਭੂ-ਭਾਰਮੁ ਕਾਨਿ ਸੁਰ

ਭੂ-ਸੁਰਲੈ ਜਨਿਵਿਚਨ (ਨੀ)

ਚ. ਵੇ(ਦੋ)ਕਤਮਬੰਦੀ ਕਰਮਾਮੁ

ਵੇਤ ਰਾਲਗੁ ਰਾ(ਤਾ)ਰਾਤਮੰ

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ਨਾ(ਥਾ)ਪ੍ਰਮੇਯ ਸਦਾ (ਨੀ)