

## 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)

### sogasugA mRdanga-SrIranjani

In the kRti 'sogasugA mRdanga' – rAga SrIranjani, SrI tyAgarAja extols the music with devotion.

P       sogasugA mRdanga tALamu jata kUrci ninu  
          sokka jEyu dhIruD(e)vvaDO

A       <sup>1</sup>nigama Sir(O)rthamu kalgina  
          nija vAkkulatO svara SuddhamutO (sogasu)

C       <sup>2</sup>yati <sup>3</sup>viSrama sad-bhakti  
          virati drAkshA rasa <sup>4</sup>nava rasa  
          yuta kRticE <sup>5</sup>bhajiyincu  
          yukti tyAgarAjunI taramA <sup>6</sup>SrI rAma (sogasu)

#### Gist

O Lord SrI rAma!

Whoever is that resolute person who makes You nicely enamoured by songs, with true words bearing the meanings of upanishads, and with purity of svara, duly attuned with the beat of mRdanga!

Is the method of chanting Your names in the form of kRti, consisting of –  
(a) wine of grape juice-like, elating nine (kinds of characterisation of) moods, (b) true devotion, (c) indifference to Worldly objects, (d) rhythmic pattern of svaras and words (or pause in the prosody), and (e) pausing at right places – within the reach of this tyAgarAja?

#### Word-by-word Meaning

P       Whoever (evvaDO) is that resolute person (dhIruDu) (dhIruDevvaDO) who makes (jEyu) You (ninu) nicely (sogasugA) enamoured (sokka) by songs duly attuned (jata kUrci) with beats (tALamu) of mRdanga!

A       Whoever is that resolute person who makes You nicely enamoured by songs -

with true (nija) words (vAkkulatO) bearing (kalgina) the meanings (arthamu) of upanishads – the head (Siras) (SirOrthamu) of vEda (nigama), and with purity (SuddamutO) of svara duly attuned with the beat of mRdanga!

C O Lord SrI rAma! Is the method (yukti) of chanting Your names (bhajiyincu) in the form of kRti (kRticE) (literally with), consisting of (yuta) – wine of grape (drAkshA) juice (rasa) like (elating) - nine (nava) (kinds of characterisation of) moods (rasa),  
true devotion (sad-bhakti),  
indifference (virati) to Worldly objects,  
rhythmic pattern of svaras and words (or pause in the prosody) (yati),  
and  
pausing at right places (viSrama),  
within the reach (taramA) of this tyAgarAja (tyAgarAjuni)?  
whoever is that resolute person who makes You nicely enamoured by song duly attuned with the beat of mRdanga!

Notes –

Variations –

<sup>5</sup> – bhajiyincu – bhajiyincE.

<sup>6</sup> – SrI rAma – rAma.

References –

<sup>1</sup> – nigama Siras – In the kRti ‘O rAma rAma sarvOnnata’, SrI tyAgarAja uses the terminology – ‘vEda Siramulellanu nIvE daivamani’. upnishads are called vEda Siras - <http://www.kamakoti.org/acall/uma.html>

<sup>2</sup> – yati – Dictionary meaning - ‘a caesura in prosody’; (caesura – break between words within a metrical foot; pause near middle of a line) : (prosody – study of versification; laws of metre).

‘Rules of prosody’ – source

<http://www.ecse.rpi.edu/Homepages/shivkuma/personal/music/sogasuga.htm>

‘A rhythmic pattern of swaras, words, or beats in a taaLa. The types are: sama, gOpucca, srotovaaha, Damaru, mridanga, and vishama’. Source – <http://www.karnatik.com/glossy.shtml>

‘In a Thala, if something is formulated by manodarma, it is called yathi. In pieces like Thevaram and Thiruppugazh we can see these yathis. Similarly, when we resort to kalpana swaras and there is thani avarthanam while playing on a laya instrument, we can see these yathis. They are of six kinds – Samayathi, Gopuchchayathi, Srodovalayathi, Damaruyathi, Mridangayathi and Vishamayathi’. Source – ‘Karnataka Sangeeta Sastra’ by Shri AS Panchapakesa Iyer.

<sup>3</sup> – viSrama – Dictionary meaning ‘rest, quiet’

‘Pausing at right places’ – source -

<http://www.ecse.rpi.edu/Homepages/shivkuma/personal/music/sogasuga.htm>

<sup>4</sup> – nava rasa - SRngAra - love, vIra - valour, bIbhatsa - disgust, raudra - anger, hAsya - mirth, bhayAnaka - terror, karuNa - pity, adbhuta - wonder, SAnta – tranquility; a tenth is also mentioned – vAtsalya – parental fondness.

Comments -

**General** – This kRti contains technical terminologies peculiar to music. Since I am not qualified on the subject, I have translated the kRti based on material available, indicating the sources thereof. From the reading of the materials concerned with these technical terms ‘yati’, ‘viSrama’ it seems that these relate to the art of singing with proper intonations, punctuations, breaks etc, so that, while abiding by metre of the rAga, the bhAva of the kRti would not only be not disturbed, but, rather, highlighted. If there are any errors, kindly pardon me.

### **Devanagari**

- प. सोगसुगा मृदङ्ग ताळमु जत कूर्चि निनु  
सोक जेयु धीरु(डे)व्वडो
- अ. निगम शि(रो)र्थमु कलिन  
निज वाकुलतो स्वर शुद्धमुतो (सो)
- च. यति विश्रम सद्भक्ति  
विरति द्राक्षा रस नव-रस  
युत कृतिचे भजियिञ्चु  
युक्ति त्यागराजुनि तरमा श्री राम (सो)

### **English with Special Characters**

- pa. sogasugā mṛdaṅga tālamu jata kūrci ninu  
sokka jēyu dhīru(de)vvaḍō
- a. nigama śi(rō)rthamu kalgina  
nija vākkulatō svara śuddhamutō (so)
- ca. yati viśrama sadbhakti  
virati drākṣā rasa nava-rasa  
yuta kṛticē bhajiyiñcu  
yukti tyāgarājuni taramā śrī rāma (so)

### **Telugu**

- ప. సోగసుగా మృదంగ తాళము జత కూర్చి నిను  
సోక్క జేయు ధీరు(డె)వ్వడ్డో
- అ. నిగమ శి(రో)ర్థము కల్గిన  
నిజ వాకులతో స్వర శుద్ధముతో (సో)
- చ. యతి విశ్రమ సద్భక్తి  
విరతి ద్రాక్షా రస నవ-రస  
యుత కృతిచే భజియించు  
యుక్తి త్యాగరాజుని తరమా శ్రీ రామ (సో)

ಯುತ ಕೃತಿಚೇ ಭಜಿಯಾಗ್ನಿ  
ಯುತಿ ತ್ಯಾಗರಾಜುನಿ ತರಮಾ ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮ (ಸ್ಲಾ)

### Tamil

- ப. ಸೆಾಕಾ<sup>3</sup>ಸೊಕಾ<sup>3</sup> ಮರುತ<sup>3</sup>ಂಗಕ<sup>3</sup> ತಾಳಾಮು ಇತ ಕೂರ್ಸಿ ನಿಣು  
ಸೆಾಕ್ಕ ಜ್ಯೋತಿ<sup>4</sup>ರು(ಟೆ<sup>3</sup>)ವ್ವೆಟೋ<sup>3</sup>  
ಅ. ನಿಕ<sup>3</sup>ಮ ಸೀರೋ)ರ್ತ<sup>2</sup>ಮು ಕಲ್ಕಿ<sup>3</sup>ನ  
ನಿಜ ವಾಕ್ಕುಲತೋ ಸೆವರ ಸಾತ<sup>3</sup>ತ<sup>4</sup>ಮುತೋ (ಸೆಾಕಾ<sup>3</sup>ಸೊ)  
ಚ. ಯತಿ ವಿಂಧ್ರಮ ಸತ<sup>3</sup>-ಪ<sup>4</sup>ಕ್ತಿ  
ವಿರತಿ ತ್ರಾಕಣಾ ರಾಸ ನವ ರಾಸ  
ಯತ ಕರುತಿಷೇ ಪಾಣಿಯಿಂಕ್ಸ  
ಯಕ್ತಿ ತಯಾಕಾರಾಜ್ಞಾನಿ ತರಮಾ ಪ್ರೀ ರಾಮ (ಸೆಾಕಾ<sup>3</sup>ಸೊ)

ಚೊಕುಚಾಕ, ಮಿರುತಂಗ ತಾಳಾತ್ತಿನೆಸ ಚೋಡು ಕಟ್ಟಿ,  
ಉನ್ನನ ಚೊಕ್ಕಬೆವಕ್ಕುಮ ತೀರಿನೆವನೋ!

ಮರೈಮುದಿಯಿನ ಪೊರುಗ್ನುಟೆತ್ತತ,  
ಉನ್ನಮೆಯಾನ ಚೊರ್ಕಗ್ನುಟನುಮ, ಸೂರತ ತೂಪ್ಪಮೆಯುಟನುಮ,  
ಚೊಕುಚಾಕ, ಮಿರುತಂಗ ತಾಳಾತ್ತಿನೆಸ ಚೋಡು ಕಟ್ಟಿ,  
ಉನ್ನನ ಚೊಕ್ಕಬೆವಕ್ಕುಮ ತೀರಿನೆವನೋ!

ಯತಿ, ವಿಂಧ್ರಮಂ, ತೂಯ ಪತ್ತಿ,  
(ಉಲಕಪ್) ಪರ್ನಿನೆಮೆ, ತಿರಾಟಿಸಕ್ ಸಾರು (ನಿಕಾರ್) ನವರಾಚಮ  
ಕೂಡಿಯ ಪಾಟಲಕಗ್ನುಟಂ ವಹಿಪಟುಮ  
ಮರೈಮೆ ತಿಯಾಕರಾಚನಿನ ತರಮಾ, ಇರಾಮಾ?  
ಚೊಕುಚಾಕ, ಮಿರುತಂಗ ತಾಳಾತ್ತಿನೆಸ ಚೋಡು ಕಟ್ಟಿ,  
ಉನ್ನನ ಚೊಕ್ಕಬೆವಕ್ಕುಮ ತೀರಿನೆವನೋ!

ಮರೈ ಮುಡಿ - ಉಪನಿತಹಂಕಳಿ  
ಯತಿ - ಇಟೆಬೆವಣಿ  
ವಿಂಧ್ರಮಂ - ಅಮೆತಿ  
ಯತಿ, ವಿಂಧ್ರಮಂ - ಇಷಕ್ಕಬೆಲಾಯಿನ ಸಿರಪ್ಪು ಚೊರ್ಕಳಿ -  
ಇವರ್ನಿರ್ಕಿಂತಾನ ತಮಿಳು ಚೊರ್ಕಬೆಣಣ?  
ನವರಾಚಮ - ಅರ್ಪತಮ, ಶಿಣಮ, ಕರುಣಣ, ಅರುವರುಪ್ಪ, ಅಮೆತಿ,  
ಶಿಂಕಾರಮ, ಅಸ್ಸಮ, ಪೆರುನಕೆ, ವೀರಮ

### Kannada

- ಪ. ಸೊಗಸುಗಾ ಮೃದಜ್ಜ ತಾಳಮು ಜತ ಹೊರ್ಜಿ ನಿನು  
ಸೊಕ್ಕ ಜೀಯು ಧೀರು(ಡೆ)ಷ್ವಡೋ  
ಅ. ನಿಗಮ ಶಿ(ರೋ)ರ್ಧಮು ಕಲ್ಲಿನ  
ನಿಜ ವಾಕ್ಕುಲತೋ ಸ್ವರ ಶುದ್ಧಮುತೋ (ಸೊ)

চ. য়শি পীর্ণম সেন্ট্রাল  
 এরতি দ্রাক্ষা রস নব-রস  
 যুত ক্ষেত্রিচৰ্জ ভজিয়েজ্ব  
 যুক্ত তাৰাজনি তৰমা শ্ৰী রাম (সো)

### **Malayalam**

- প. সেৱাগসুগা মৃত্যু তাৰতম্য জত কৃতচি নীটু  
 সেৱাকে জেয়ু যীৰু(বে)প্রয়ো
- অ. নীগম শি(ৱো)ত্মমু কলংগিন  
 নীজ বাক্যুলতো সুৰ শুভমুতো (সেৱা)
- চ. যতি পীশৰম সংক্ষেপতি  
 বীৰতি ব্রাক্ষণ রস নব-ৱস  
 যুত কৃতিচে জেজীয়ীয়ে  
 যুক্তি ত্যাগৰাজুনি তৰমা শ্ৰী রাম (সেৱা)

### **Assamese**

- প. সোগসুগা মৃদঙ্গ তালমু জত কুৰ্চি নিনু  
 সোক্ত জেয়ু ধীৰু(ডে)ব্রডো
- অ. নিগম শি(ৱো)থৰ্মু কল্লিন  
 নিজ বাক্যুলতো স্বৰ শুন্ধমুতো (সো)
- চ. যতি বিশ্রম সন্তক্তি  
 বিৰতি দ্রাক্ষা বস নৱ-বস  
 যুত কৃতিচে ভজিয়ঞ্চ  
 যুক্তি আগৰাজুনি তৰমা শ্ৰী ৰাম (সো)

### **Bengali**

- প. সোগসুগা মৃদঙ্গ তালমু জত কুৰ্চি নিনু  
 সোক্ত জেয়ু ধীৰু(ডে)ব্রডো
- অ. নিগম শি(ৱো)থৰ্মু কল্লিন  
 নিজ বাক্যুলতো স্বৰ শুন্ধমুতো (সো)
- চ. যতি বিশ্রম সন্তক্তি

વિરતિ દ્વાક્ષા રસ નવ-રસ  
યુત કૃતિચે ભજિયિશુઓ  
શૂક્તિ આગરાજુનિ તરમા શ્રી રામ (સો)

### **Gujarati**

પ. સોંગસુગા મૃદુગા તાળમુ જત કૂર્ચિ નિનુ  
સોક્ક જેયુ ધીરુ(ડ)વડો  
અ. નિગમ શિ(રો)ર્થમુ કલિન  
નિજ વાક્કુલતો સ્વર શુદ્ધમુતો (સો)  
ચ. ધતિ વિશ્રમ સદ્ભક્તિ  
વિરતિ દ્વાક્ષા રસ નવ-રસ  
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### **Oriya**

ପ. ସୋଗସୁଗା ମୃଦୁଙ୍ଗ ତାଳମୁ ଜଡ କୂର୍ଚ୍ଛ ନିନ୍ଦୁ  
ସୋକ୍କ ଜେଯୁ ଧୀରୁ(ଡେ)ଖିଖିତୋ  
ଆ. ନିଗମ ଶି(ରୋ)ର୍ଥମୁ କଲିଗିନ  
ନିଜ ଖାକୁଲତୋ ସଖିର ଶୁଦ୍ଧମୁତୋ (ସୋ)  
ଚ. ଯୁକ୍ତି ଉତ୍ସମ ସଭକ୍ତି  
ଖିରତି ଦ୍વାକ୍ଷା ରସ ନଵ-ରସ  
ଯୁତ କୃତିଚେ ଭଜିଯିଶୁ  
ଯୁକ୍ତି ତ୍ୟାଗରାଜୁନି ତରମା ଶ୍ରୀ ରାମ (ସୋ)

### **Punjabi**

ਪ. ਸੋਗਸੁਗਾ ਮ੍ਰਿਦੁਗਾ ਤਾਲਮੁ ਜਤ ਕੂਰਿਚ ਨਿਨੁ  
ਸੱਕ ਜੇਯੁ ਧੀਰੁ(ਡੇ)ਵੱਡੋ  
ਅ. ਨਿਗਮ ਸ਼ਿ(ਰੋ)ਰ੍ਥਮੁ ਕਲਿਗਾਨ  
ਨਿਜ ਵਾਕੁਲਤੋ ਸ਼ੁਦ੍ਧਮੁਤੋ (ਸੋ)

ਚ. ਯਤਿ ਵਿਸ੍ਥਮ ਸਦਭਕਿਤ

ਵਿਰਤਿ ਦਾਕਸ਼ਾ ਰਸ ਨਵ-ਰਸ

ਯੁਤ ਕ੍ਰਿਤਿਚੇ ਭਜਿਯਿਵਚੁ

ਯੁਕਿਤ ਤਜਾਰਾਜੁਨਿ ਤਰਮਾ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਰਾਮ (ਸੋ)