

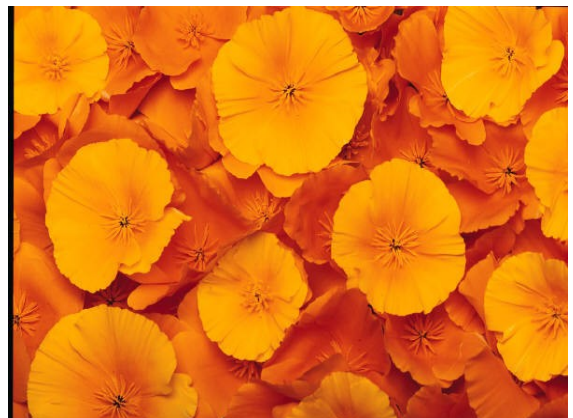
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*Art is a window of spiritual world ... Srila Prabhupada*  
(Special Edition)



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Gurukula has proved its temperament in various fields like Drama, Dance and Music. On another hand, our kids have been provided arena to express their inner feelings to the world through art. Prabhupada said, Art is a window of spiritual world. Under the guidance of Svarupa Shakti Devi Dasi, our kids are nourishing their inner talent under "Bengal School of Art."

Under her guidance BGIS have got new identity in the field of Art. She is serving BGIS since last 3 years as a head of art department.





### Sri Sri Shikshashtakam

*Teachings of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu*

(1)

***ceto-darpana-marjanam bhava-maha-davagni-nirvapanam  
sreyah-kairava-candrika-vitaranam vidya-vadhu-jivanam  
anandambudhi-varadhanam prati-padam purnamritas-  
vadanam sarvatma-snapanam param vijayate sri-krishna-  
sankirtanam***

Glory to the sri-krishna-sankirtana, which cleanses the heart

all the dust accumulated for years and extinguishes the fire of conditional life, of repeated birth and death. This sankirtana movement is the prime benediction for humanity at large because it spreads the rays of the benediction moon. It is the life of all transcendental knowledge. It increases the ocean of transcendental bliss, and it enables us to fully taste the nectar for which we are always anxious.

(2)

***namnam akari bahudha nija-sarva-saktis tatarpita niyamitah smarane na kalah  
etadrisi tava kripa bhagavan mamapi durdaivam idrisam ihajani nanuragah***

O my Lord, Your holy name alone can render all benediction to living beings, and thus You have hundreds and millions of names, like Krishna and Govinda. In these transcendental names You have invested all Your transcendental energies. There are not even hard and fast rules for chanting these names. O my Lord, out of kindness You enable us to easily approach You by Your holy names, but I am so unfortunate that I have no attraction for them.

(3)

***trinad api sunicena taror api sahisnuna  
amanina manadena kirtaniyah sada harih***

One should chant the holy name of the Lord in a humble state of mind, thinking oneself lower than the straw in the street; one should be more tolerant than a tree, devoid of all sense of false prestige, and should be ready to offer all respect to others. In such a state of mind one can chant the holy name of the Lord constantly.



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# Let's Pray

(4)

**na dhanam na janam na sundarim kavitam va jagad-isa kamaye**

**mama janmani janmanisvare bhavatad bhaktir ahaituki tvayi**

O almighty Lord, I have no desire to accumulate wealth, nor do I desire beautiful women, nor do I want any number of followers. I only want Your causeless devotional service, birth after birth.

(5)

**ayi nanda-tanuja kinkaram patitam mam vishame bhavambudhau**

**kripaya tava pada-pankajasthita- dhuli-sadrisam vicintaya**

O son of Maharaja Nanda [Krishna], I am Your eternal servitor, yet somehow or other I have fallen into the ocean of birth and death. Please pick me up from this ocean of death and place me as one of the atoms at Your lotus feet.

(6)

**nayanam galad-asru-dharaya vadanam gadgada-ruddhaya gira**

**pulakair nicitam vapuh kada tava-nama-grahane bhavishyati**

O my Lord, when will my eyes be decorated with tears of love flowing constantly when I chant Your holy name? When will my voice choke up, and when will the hairs of my body stand on end at the recitation of Your name?

(7)

**yugayitam nimeshena cakshusha pravrishayitam**

**sunyayitam jagat sarvam govinda-virahena me**

O Govinda! Feeling Your separation, I am considering a moment to be like twelve years or more. Tears are flowing from my eyes like torrents of rain, and I am feeling all vacant in the world in Your absence.

(8)

**aslishya va pada-ratam pinashtu mam adarsanan marma-hatam karotu va**

**yatha tatha va vidadhatu lampato mat-prana-nathas tu sa eva naparah**

I know no one but Krishna as my Lord, and He shall remain so even if He handles me roughly by His embrace or makes me brokenhearted by not being present before me. He is completely free to do anything and everything, for He is always my worshipful Lord, unconditionally.



## Let's learn from a story

### The donkey who fell into a well



One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up.

As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!

#### MORAL :

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a steppingstone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up.

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred - Forgive.
2. Free your mind from worries - Most never happens.
3. Live simply and appreciate what you have.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less from people but more from yourself.



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