Little Krishna Shares His Sweet Curd

(Aaj Dadhi Mitho Madangopal)

Inspired by this kirtan



Before We Begin



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Little Krishna was with his cowherd friends. They knew him as Madan Gopal, the lovely cowherd child. His eyes were large and playful. Today, the curd he shared with them tasted especially sweet.



The friends brought leaves and made little bowls from them. Krishna shared the curd among them all. From one small leaf bowl to another, his friends received the curd he gave them.



Krishna had tasted the curd himself. His friends loved to receive what he had tasted. This was his jutho: food shared after he had eaten some. To them, the curd was dear because it came from Krishna.



And if a friend had not received any? Krishna had an invitation for him too. He called to his friends as brothers. Anyone still waiting could come and taste the curd right from his palm.



His friends had spent many days with him in Kumudvan. Yet they had never tasted curd as delicious as this. They told Krishna so. How sweet it was to share this food with their beloved friend, the Lord of Gokul.



Krishna laughed, and he made his friends laugh too. Their joy fills this loving vision of him. Here was their dear companion, sharing sweet curd and laughter. And this same little Krishna was the Lord of all three worlds.

Original Kirtan and English Meaning

Original English translation for this book

आज दधमिीठो मदनगोपाल ॥

Today the curd is sweet, O Madan Gopal.

भावत मोहि तिहिारो जूठो चंचल नयन वशिाल ॥१॥

O One with great, playful eyes, I love the food that You have tasted.

आने पात बनाये दोना दयि सबनको बाँट ॥

Leaves were brought and shaped into little bowls; You shared it among everyone.

जनि नहींपायो सुनोरे भैया मेरी हथेरी चाट ॥२॥

“Listen, brothers! Whoever has had none, lick the curd from My palm.”

Original Kirtan and English Meaning

Original English translation for this book • continued

बहुत दनिन हम बसे कुमुदवन कृष्ण तहिारे साथ ॥

O Krishna, we have stayed with You in Kumudvan for many days.

ऐसो स्वाद हम कबहू न चाख्यो सुन गोकुल के नाथ ॥३॥

We have never tasted anything like this. Hear us, O Lord of Gokul.

आपन हँसत हँसावत ग्वालन मानस लीलारूप ॥

You laugh and make the cowherd friends laugh: this is Your lila, lovingly beheld in the mind.

परमानंदप्रभु हम सब जानत तुम त्रभिुवन के भूप ॥४॥

Paramanand says, “Lord, we all know that You are the ruler of the three worlds.”

Paramanand • Raga Sarang

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