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Abhiseka

- ॐ One day LCM entered Srivasa's house
- ॐ Devotees understand L's heart and start kirtan
- ॐ On normal days L would manifest mood of servant and only momentarily show opulence
- ॐ Today, however, LCM went straight to altar and sat of simhasana, putting Salagram silas in his lap
- ॐ Devotees felt great ecstasy
- ॐ LCM: Recite prayers, prepare for my abhiseka
- ॐ Devotees happily responded
- ॐ Devotees starts signing purusa sukta prayers and doing abhiseka like on Janmastami
- ॐ After bathing dressed LCM in nice clothes
- ॐ Cleaned simhasana
- ॐ LCM sits down
- ॐ Nt hold umbrella
- ॐ Someone else use camara
- ॐ Padya
- ॐ Arghya
- ॐ Acamana
- ॐ Gandha
- ॐ Puspa
- ॐ Dhupa
- ॐ Dipa
- ॐ Naivedya
- ॐ Vastra (clothes)
- ॐ Worship with 16 items
- ॐ Chant ten syllable Gopala mantra (we chant 18 syllable)
- ॐ All devotees fell at Lord's feet
- ॐ Prayers in glorification of L
- ॐ LCM extends feet
- ॐ Devotees offered gandha, tulasi patra...
- ॐ **Abhiseka went on for hours**

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Give me something to eat

- ॐ As kirtan went on LCM declared, "I will eat!"
- ॐ Whatever devotees brought, LCM ate
- ॐ So the devotees brought Ganges water for LCM to drink
- ॐ As much as they brought, he drank (1,000s buckets)
- ॐ Bananas (all in the 1,000s)
- ॐ Yogurt
- ॐ Condensed Milk
- ॐ Milk
- ॐ Rice & dahl
- ॐ Coconut pulp mixed with sugar
- ॐ Sweets made with fused rice, rose apple and cucumbers
- ॐ Sugar cane
- ॐ Subji
- ॐ Cakes
- ॐ Rasgulla
- ॐ No matter how much He ate, he responded, "I will eat" and they brought Him more

Srivasa Thakura

- ॐ LCM remember many years ago you were very attached to reading SB
- ॐ You went to house of Devananda Pandita (he was very famous reciter of SB)
- ॐ Upon hearing you began to cry in ecstatic love of K
- ॐ You could not control your emotions
- ॐ DP's students thought you a disturbance
- ॐ They picked you up & threw you to the ground
- ॐ DP did not stop
- ॐ Do you remember how sad you felt
- ॐ You kept to yourself & went home & took shelter of SB
- ॐ To this day you experience ecstatic symptoms when you hear SB
- ॐ This is why: That day I personally jumped into your heart to make you experience this
- ॐ Sv realizes words of L and falls on ground unconscious
- ॐ In this way L reminded all the Vaisnavas headed by AA of their previous experiences

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Gangadasa Pandita

- ॐ After LCM manifest SK lilā GP, LCM's former teacher, surrendered to LCM
- ॐ Remember when the mleccha & yavana kings attacked your home & village
- ॐ In order to protect your family members, you took them and fled.
- ॐ But the soldiers were interrogating everyone who was leaving
- ॐ Therefore you went by the Ganga (w/ strong current)
- ॐ No appointment in sight
- ॐ You had nowhere to hide, therefore you began to cry for Lord's mercy
- ॐ Out of nowhere a boat came
- ॐ To boatman: "Please take us across the river; I'll pay 1 coin and give you 2 as a donation."
- ॐ I descended as that boatman to give you and your family protection
- ॐ While crossing the Ganga you remembered Me. Do you remember now that it was I who took you across
- ॐ At hearing this GDP falls to ground unconscious.

More Maha Prakash

- ॐ VB sits down
- ॐ Body was covered in sandalwood paste
- ॐ One devotee fanned while another combed hair
- ॐ One devotee offered betel nuts
- ॐ Others danced in front
- ॐ Whole day passed in this way
- ॐ As night approached everyone was jubilant
- ॐ Worshipped feet with dhupa and dipa
- ॐ LCM sat silently
- ॐ Devotees offered prayers

Kolaveca Sridhara

- ॐ LCM: "Go bring Sridhara. Let him come and see my opulence"
- ॐ He always thinks of me, he feels great unhappiness. Bring him at once to see my glories
- ॐ When LCM asked the devotees to get Srivasa, no one new who he was
- ॐ Go to the edge of town and bring that person who is calling out my name

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Glories of KVS

- ॐ KVS would buy one banana tree, cut it into pieces and then sell those pieces
- ॐ Offered half of earnings to worship mother Ganges
- ॐ Used other half for personal maintenance
- ॐ Always told the truth and never deviated
- ॐ Sometimes those who knew his glories would buy his goods without bargaining
- ॐ No one recognized him, for everyone thought he was simply a banana leaf seller
- ॐ Passed entire night without sleep loudly chanting names of K and Hari
- ॐ Atheistic neighbors would complain: “Due to S’s loud cries we cannot sleep at night and our ears are broken.
- ॐ He is a low-class fellow who cannot fill his stomach
- ॐ Being afflicted with hunger he stays up all night
- ॐ KVS continued to call out through out the night
- ॐ
- ॐ When L manifested pastimes as a scholar, he acted like an arrogant person
- ॐ Keeping identity concealed he enjoyed various pastimes with KVS on pretext of buying banana leaves
- ॐ LCM daily visited KVS and bought banana leaves, bananas and banana stems
- ॐ Would quarrel with KVS for 2 hours and then buy goods at half the price
- ॐ KVS quoted a reasonable price, yet LCM only paid half
- ॐ KVS would then stand up and grab hold of the goods
- ॐ Tug of war and shoving
- ॐ LCM: Why do you live like an ascetic when you have so much wealth
- ॐ Why are taking goods from my hands. Don’t you know yet who I am?
- ॐ KVC never got angry. After looking at Lord’s face, KVS would concede
- ॐ LCM chewed betel nuts while looking on KVS
- ॐ KVS: please forgive me, I am your dog
- ॐ LCM: I know you are so clever. You have accumulated so much wealth by selling banana leaves
- ॐ KVS: are there no other shops? Go there and buy leaves cheaper.
- ॐ LCM: I will not give up my supplier. Take my money and give me my goods
- ॐ You buy ingredients to worship the Ganges, what is wrong if you give me a discount?

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- ॐ I am the father of the Ganges
- ॐ KVS (while covering ears): Visnu, Visnu.
- ॐ Seeing NP so arrogant, KVS gave the leaves
- ॐ KVS: I am defeated, please leave me alone. I will give you something free. Am I still at fault
- ॐ LCM: Good, Good. I have no more complaints

KVS is called to MP lila

- ॐ So the devotees went to listen for his chanting
- ॐ About ½ there they heard loud cries of KVS
- ॐ When told that LCM wanted to see him, KS couldn't understand why.
- ॐ "I am so low and fallen" & fell to ground
- ॐ Devotees carry to Mahaprabhu
- ॐ **KS arrives at Srivasa Angam and sees LCM on throne**
- ॐ LCM: Come, come
- ॐ You have worshiped me so long. You have passed many lifetimes to attain my love
- ॐ In this life you have also served me much
- ॐ I always eat rice off of your banana leaves
- ॐ I have eaten many items obtained from you.
- ॐ You have forgotten your conversations with me
- ॐ Look at my form. I will award you with the eight mystic perfections
- ॐ **LCM: People consider you very poor, but you have the greatest treasure, love of God. Look now and see the object of your love**
- ॐ KVS raised head and saw that VB was black like tamala tree.
- ॐ KS sees Syamasundara 3-fold bending form
- ॐ Balarama by side
- ॐ Lakshmi, Brahma, Narada, Siva, Kumaras praising
- ॐ KVS falls to ground unconscious
- ॐ LCM: Get up, Get up, Sridhara
- ॐ Offer prayers to me
- ॐ KVS: I have no ability to offer prayers
- ॐ LCM: Your words alone are prayers to me.
- ॐ Sarasvati appears on KVS tongue & KVS offers prayers

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- ॐ LCM: Please ask me for a benediction; today I will give you the eight mystic perfections
- ॐ KVS: Will you again deceive me? I won't let this happen again
- ॐ LCM: Seeing me cannot be fruitless. You must take some benediction according to your desire
- ॐ Ask, ask
- ॐ KVS: Let that brahmana who forcibly took away my banana leaves be my L birth after birth
- ॐ KVS begins crying
- ॐ LCM: KVS, I want to make you king of a great kingdom
- ॐ KVS: I have no desire for anything
- ॐ Please make such an arrangement that I chant your holy names
- ॐ LCM: That is why you are able to see my opulence
- ॐ Your mind does not deviate from me
- ॐ Thus I am giving you devotional service that is confidential to the Vedas
- ॐ Everyone chanted Jaya x2

Verses glorifying devotees (2.9.233-)

- ॐ He had no wealth, no followers, and no education. Who can recognize such servant of Lord Chaitanya?
- ॐ What is the value of education, wealth, beauty, fame and high birth? They only increase one's pride and bring about one's fall down.
- ॐ In millions of kalpas Lord Brahma will never see that which KVS received simply by selling bananas and banana stems.
- ॐ One who is full of false pride and is envious of the goal of life falls down to an uncertain future.
- ॐ One who ridicules a poor, uneducated saintly person goes as a result of his actions to the hell known as Kumbhipaka
- ॐ Who has the ability to recognize a Vaisnava? Although a Vaisnava possesses all perfection, he appears to be afflicted
- ॐ The story of Sridhara, the banana seller, is proof of this, for he accepted only devotional service and rejected the eight mystic perfections.
- ॐ Know for certain that whatever worldly distress is seen in a Vaisnava is actually spiritual happiness
- ॐ People blinded with pride over material enjoyment do not know anything. They cannot recognize a Vaisnava due to pride born of education and wealth.

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- ॐ Even after studying SB, one's intelligence may be ruined, for anyone who blasphemes Nityananda is certainly vanquished.
- ॐ Anyone who hears the prayers of Sridhara and the benediction he received from the Lord will obtain the wealth of prema
- ॐ One who does not blaspheme the Vaisnavas attains K by developing love and devotion at His lotus feet
- ॐ There is no gain in the act of blasphemy; one simply incurs sin. Therefore, the most fortunate persons do not engage in blasphemy.
- ॐ K will certainly deliver anyone who chants his names without offense or blasphemy

Advaita

- ॐ LCM: Ask for a boon
- ॐ What I wanted has already occurred