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Dukhi is delivered

- ॐ Simple maidservant, Duhkhi, would get the water from Ganges and place in neat lines to make easy for the devotees
- ॐ Although D remained in the background, LCM noticed
- ॐ LCM encouraged Duhkhi
- ॐ Given name Sukhi

Srivasa’s son leaves his body

- ॐ LCM dancing in ecstasy
- ॐ Kirtan accompanied by drums, karatals, and occasional chants of Jaya!x2
- ॐ Devotees forgot themselves
- ॐ During kirtan one day ladies see Sv’s son leave body due to disease inflicted by destiny
- ॐ Crying filled house
- ॐ Sv left krtan and went in a room and noticed son had left his body

Sv instructs the women

- ॐ Sv to ladies: You all know K’s glories, so control your crying and pacify yourselves.
- ॐ How can distress remain in the presence of ecstatic love?
- ॐ One who has accepted K as his eternal son never laments
- ॐ Temporary attachment is the cause of one’s ruin.
- ॐ You have come to the material world to worship K, so remain joyful on the spiritual platform.
- ॐ One who hears K’s name once is liberated and attains K’s abode at death – even if he is sinful.
- ॐ As long as you remain in this body, become attached to K and accept K as you wealth, companion, and life.
- ॐ You should understand that bodily relationships with your brother, friends, husbands and children are all temporary.
- ॐ Who is anyone’s husband or son?
- ॐ There are simply temp. material relationships.
- ॐ Even if one wants to keep such a relationship forever, one cannot do so.
- ॐ As a result of one’s karma one becomes a child and sits on someone’s lap.
- ॐ But when the results of his karma are up he must go.
- ॐ Living entities who find happiness and distress in these relationships become degraded and fall far away from the lotus feet of K

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- ॐ Therefore, lose your lamentation and become merged in the ecstasy of chanting K’s names
- ॐ Remember with a purified hear that you have surrendered your wealth, companions, body and house to K
- ॐ Why do you lament, “O my son”? K has taken his dear one for his own pleasure
- ॐ Everything happens according to the will of K.
- ॐ To derive one’s happiness and distress from these temporary incidents is the product of ignorance
- ॐ Accept that K’s will is beneficial
- ॐ Give up your selfish desires and be freed from contamination
- ॐ K gives, K takes, and K maintains everyone
- ॐ K protects and K kills whenever he desires
- ॐ The desire of one who opposes the desires of K will never be fulfilled.
- ॐ Such a person achieves only misery.
- ॐ Give up all lamentation and hear the name of K, then you will feel ecstasy and your desires will be fulfilled
- ॐ All of you consider the good fortune of this child and give up your illusion and lamentation
- ॐ The son of Nanda has now incarnated as the son of Saci.
- ॐ LCM is personally dancing here and his servants headed by Brahma are glorifying His qualities.
- ॐ Is it proper to lament at such a time?
- ॐ If I can be so fortunate I will consider my life successful.
- ॐ You should all appreciate his good fortune.
- ॐ Why should you trouble your hearts with lamentation?
- ॐ If you are not pacified by my instructions then you will ultimately be deprived of KC.
- ॐ If you cannot check this emotion, then please wait and cry later to your heart’s satisfaction
- ॐ Don’t let anyone hear of this otherwise LCM’s happiness will be disturbed.
- ॐ If by hearing you commotion the L regains consciousness, I will drown myself in the Ganges.
- ॐ The ladies felt pacified.
- ॐ Sv returns to kirtan and dances in ecstasy

The kirtan stops

- ॐ After sometime LCM stops the kirtan

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- ॐ Word has spread about Sv’s son, but no one wants to tell LCM (kept to selves)
- ॐ LCM: I cannot explain how I feel. Has there been a calamity in the house?
- ॐ Sv: What distress could I have when you are here in my house?
- ॐ Eventually devs tell LCM
- ॐ LCM: Alas, this pains my heart.
- ॐ How long ago did this happen?
- ॐ Why didn’t you tell me?
- ॐ Sv: O my L, I couldn’t tolerate seeing your ecstasy disturbed
- ॐ It happened almost 7.5 hours ago.
- ॐ O Lord, only one of my sons died.
- ॐ Why should I be distressed?
- ॐ Even if they all die I will be happy by seeing your face.
- ॐ If your dancing would have been disturbed, I would have died.
- ॐ To prevent this, I withheld the bad news.
- ॐ
- ॐ Devs: Please give us permission to perform the last rites
- ॐ LCM: How can I give up such association? How can I give up everyone and leave. If I do I will be ruined
- ॐ Begins to cry
- ॐ How will I give up the association of one who doesn’t lament over his son’s passing for my sake?
- ॐ LCM cried profusely.
- ॐ Devotees were confused, wonder when such a calamity would occur
- ॐ Then they understood that LCM was thinking to take sannyasa

LCM converses with the dead son of Sv

- ॐ When LCM sees child becomes pacified
- ॐ LCM to child: Why are you leaving Sv’s house:
- ॐ Child: O lord, your activities are meant for the instruction of everyone.
- ॐ You are the unlimited Supreme Absolute Truth.
- ॐ The spiritual potency is non-different from you.
- ॐ The spiritual potency manifests your eternal pastimes and in the form of hladini, she gives you happiness
- ॐ The spiritual potency in the form the jiva sakti manifest the marginally situated living entities, who are like spiritual sparks

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- ॐ That spiritual potency in the form of maya sakti creates the material world, with which she binds the materialistic entities.
- ॐ You are complete spiritual ecstasy, while I am a spiritual spark
- ॐ Therefore I am by nature your servant
- ॐ You are supremely independent, while I am fully dependent on you.
- ॐ I have become degraded because of giving up your lotus feet.
- ॐ When I independently desired to enjoy maya, I lost my constitutional nature
- ॐ I then became bound by maya within the material world and am entangled in the network of karma.
- ॐ According to your will maya has bound me in this world with the iron chains of fate. As a result of that fate I have taken birth from the womb of Malini as a son in the house of Sv
- ॐ O Lord, this is destiny arranged by you
- ॐ I stayed as long I was destined to be in this body.
- ॐ Your will is most powerful, while mine is most weak.
- ॐ I am a poor, insignificant living entity.
- ॐ I must go wherever you send me
- ॐ Who is anyone’s son, husband or father?
- ॐ There are all material relationships with no tinge of truth to them.
- ॐ You are the eternal maintainer of the living entities
- ॐ One who gives up the shelter of your lotus feet and considers meeting and separation as the causes of happiness and distress becomes an ass in the hands of maya and merges in the ocean of material existence
- ॐ From the day maya bound me with the ropes of ignorance and illusion I have taken many births and wandered under the control of maya.
- ॐ I took births among the demigods, human beings, animals, birds, and insects.
- ॐ I wandered through heaven, hell and earth to fulfill my temporary material desires.
- ॐ I do not know what pious deed I have done to take birth in Nadia as the son of Sv so that could see and touch you lotus feet.
- ॐ As the time of one of my deaths I suffered greatly
- ॐ This time, however, I am departing in great happiness because of your association
- ॐ Now my time is up so I must go
- ॐ I cannot stay but please be merciful that I may remember you.
- ॐ My only request is that if I must take another birth by your will, may I have loving devotion for your lotus feet.
- ॐ Who is the father and who is the mother?

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- ॐ Everyone enjoys the fruits of their own karma
- ॐ As long as I had the good fortune I lived at the house of Sv. Now I am going to someone else’s house.
- ॐ I offer my obeisance to you. Please don’t consider my offenses.
- ॐ I am leaving now.
- ॐ Body becomes silent

Celebration

- ॐ Sv & family forgot lamentation and distress
- ॐ They grabbed LCM’s lotus feet
- ॐ Sv and bros: Birth after birth you are our father, mother, son and master. May we never forget this
- ॐ It doesn’t matter where we take birth, but may we always have devotion to your feet.
- ॐ Bros begin to cry.
- ॐ LCM: Listen. You are my servant
- ॐ It is known throughout the world that I am bound by your love.
- ॐ You are the commander-in-chief of the devotees
- ॐ Let your glories by spread throughout the three worlds.
- ॐ Let the people of the world see that the bondage of maya, the predominating deity of this material world, can never bind you.
- ॐ You have offered your wealth, followers, body and house to me, and your only happiness is in serving me.
- ॐ Your family life nourishes my pastimes.
- ॐ Sv, you know the nature of material existence.
- ॐ These miseries do not affect you
- ॐ Even one who sees you is not affected by such miseries.
- ॐ Nt & I are bound by your love
- ॐ Nt. & I are your two sons, you should no longer feel any grief.
- ॐ Devotees: Jaya! X2
- ॐ
- ॐ Kirtan begins and take body to bank of Ganga
- ॐ While performing last rites Ganga speaks:
- ॐ My good fortune is unlimited
- ॐ My past pious deeds have now born fruit

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- ॐ LCM took dead child to water and Ganga Devi rose and accepted the child in her embrace
- ॐ Ganga then touches feet of LCM
- ॐ Devotees become ecstatic upon seeing M. Ganga
- ॐ After rituals bath in Ganga and all return home

LCM asks Gad to take over his puja

- ॐ LCM would take bath and sit to worship V.
- ॐ Clothes would become wet with tears of ecstasy
- ॐ LCM would change to fresh clothes and it would happen again.
- ॐ And again
- ॐ In this way he was unable to perform his puja
- ॐ LCM to Gad: You please perform the worship, I am unable to.