

Setting the scene for Krishna’s birth

- ॐ Rohini constellation (very auspicious and under direct supervision of Brahma)
- ॐ Peace and prosperity in all directions
- ॐ Rivers were full
- ॐ Lakes were decorated with lotus flowers
- ॐ Birds were singing
- ॐ Brahmanas were able to perform yajnas
- ॐ Demigods, brahmanas and cows become happy
- ॐ Stars were bright
- ॐ Earth happy
- ॐ Rivers, streams, oceans and lakes filled with pure water
- ॐ Breezes spreading fragrant pollen
- ॐ Thousands petaled lotuses growing everywhere
- ॐ A great sound comes from the sky
- ॐ Drums of demigods resound with sounds of victory
- ॐ Countries became wealthy
- ॐ Towns & villages became auspicious
- ॐ Bees hummed
- ॐ Breezes gently blew
- ॐ Vidyādharas, Gandharvas, Siddhas, Kinnaras, and Cāraṇas sang
- ॐ Demigods offered prayers
- ॐ Gandharvas and Vidyādharas danced in heaven
- ॐ Demigods threw many pārijāta, mandāra, mālatī, and sumanaḥ flowers
- ॐ Clouds thundered and sprinkled water
- ॐ A full moon appears (even though it is the eighth day of the waning moon)
- ॐ (B/c K appeared in the Soma dynasty, the moon became full)

Description is an amalgamation of those found in Srimad Bhagavatam (Krishna Book) and Garga Samhita (Canto 1, chapter 11)

Krishna’s appearance

- ॐ Krishna appears as 4 armed V form
- ॐ carrying shankha, gada, padma and chakra
- ॐ w/ srivatsa on chest,
- ॐ a crown (helmet like the rising sun)
- ॐ jeweled necklace of kaustubha gem,
- ॐ gold/yellow dhoti,
- ॐ full head of hair

- ॐ vaidarya stone
- ॐ splendid armlets and anklets
- ॐ bracelets like wonderful flickering flames
- ॐ earrings
- ॐ a belt splendid as lightning,
- ॐ a lotus garland filled with the buzzing of bees
- ॐ
- ॐ and who was splendid as a dark cloud with lightning,
- ॐ His face with moving black locks of hair,
- ॐ His splendor removing the darkness, auspicious, handsome,
- ॐ His eyes lotus flowers, decorated with wonderful and colorful pictures and designs, more charming than ten million Kāmadevas
- ॐ
- ॐ Vas struck w/ wonder.
- ॐ How could a new born child appear like this?
- ॐ Realized this is the SL, K
- ॐ In his heart at once gave a million cows in charity to the brāhmaṇas

Vasudeva's prayers

- ॐ Vas bowed and offered prayers:
- ॐ Although You are one, the modes of material nature make You (seem to be) many.
- ॐ You are the creator, maintainer, and destroyer (of the worlds).
- ॐ As crystal is colorless, You are untouched by material qualities.
- ॐ O master of the worlds, I bow down before You.
- ॐ You are inside, like fire in fuel. You are outside, like the sky.
- ॐ You are the maintainer, like the earth.
- ॐ You see everything.
- ॐ You are present everywhere, like the air.
- ॐ Obeisances to You!
- ॐ You are the original Supreme Personality of Godhead, the protector of the cows, demigods, brāhmaṇas, and Your own children (Vaisnavas), who has taken birth in my home on earth in order to remove the great armies that now burden the earth.
- ॐ O master of the worlds, please protect me from sinful Kāmsa.
- ॐ My dear Lord, I can understand who You are.
- ॐ You are the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the Supersoul of all living entities and the Absolute Truth.

- ॐ You have appeared in Your own eternal form which is directly perceived by us.
- ॐ I understand that because I am afraid of Kamsa, You have appeared just to deliver me from that fear.
- ॐ You do not belong to this material world; You are the same person who brings about the cosmic manifestation simply by glancing over material nature
- ॐ One has to understand Your appearance with great intelligence because the material energy is also emanating from You.
- ॐ You are the original source of the material energy, just as the sun is the source of the sunshine.
- ॐ The sunshine cannot cover the sun globe, nor can the material energy--being an emanation from You--cover You.
- ॐ You appear to be in the three modes of material energy, but actually the three modes of material energy cannot cover You.
- ॐ This is understood by the highly intellectual philosophers.
- ॐ In other words, although You appear to be within the material energy, You are never covered by it
- ॐ My Lord, Your appearance, existence and disappearance are beyond the influence of the material qualities.
- ॐ Because Your Lordship is the controller of everything and the resting place of the Supreme Brahman, there is nothing inconceivable or contradictory in You.
- ॐ As You have said, material nature works under Your superintendence.
- ॐ It is just like government officers working under the orders of the chief executive.
- ॐ The influence of subordinate activities cannot affect You.
- ॐ The Supreme Brahman and all phenomena are existing within You, and all the activities of material nature are controlled by Your Lordship.
- ॐ You are called suklam. (Suklam, or 'whiteness' is the symbolic representation of the Absolute Truth because it is unaffected by the material qualities.)
- ॐ Lord Brahma is called rakta, or red, because Brahma represents the qualities of passion for creation.
- ॐ Darkness is entrusted to Lord Siva because he annihilates the cosmos.
- ॐ The creation, annihilation and maintenance of this cosmic manifestation is conducted by Your potencies, yet You are always unaffected by those qualities.
- ॐ My Lord, You are the supreme controller, the Personality of Godhead, the supreme great, maintaining the order of this cosmic manifestation.
- ॐ And in spite of Your being the supreme controller, You have so kindly appeared in my home.
- ॐ The purpose of Your appearance is to kill the followers of the demoniac rulers of the world who are in the dress of royal princes but are actually demons.

- ॐ I am sure that You will kill all of them and their followers and soldiers.
- ॐ I understand that You have appeared to kill the uncivilized Kamsa and his followers.
- ॐ But knowing that You were to appear to kill him and his followers, he has already killed so many of Your predecessors, elder brothers.
- ॐ Now he is simply awaiting the news of Your birth.
- ॐ As soon as he hears about it, he will immediately appear with all kinds of weapons to kill You

Devaki's prayers

- ॐ After Vas finished D bowed and began to offer prayers
- ॐ O Kṛṣṇa, O master of countless universes, O Supreme Lord, O flag of Goloka-dhāma, O original Lord, O master of the perfect, O perfect one, O most perfect original Supreme Personality of Godhead, O Supreme Controller, please protect, please protect me from Kamsa's atrocities!
- ॐ My dear Lord, Your eternal forms, like Narayana, Lord Rama, Sesha, Varaha, Nrsimha, Vamana, Baladeva, and millions of similar incarnations emanating from Visnu, are described in the Vedic literature as original.
- ॐ You are original because all Your forms as incarnations are outside of this material creation. Your form was existing before this cosmic manifestation was created.
- ॐ Your forms are eternal and all-pervading.
- ॐ They are self-effulgent, changeless and uncontaminated by the material qualities.
- ॐ Such eternal forms are ever-cognizant and full of bliss; they are situated in transcendental goodness and are always engaged in different pastimes.
- ॐ You are not limited to a particular form only; all such transcendental eternal forms are self-sufficient.
- ॐ I can understand that You are the Supreme Lord Visnu.
- ॐ After many millions of years, when Lord Brahma comes to the end of his life, the annihilation of the cosmic manifestation takes place.
- ॐ At that time the five elements--namely earth, water, fire, air and ether--enter into the mahat-tattva.
- ॐ The mahat-tattva again enters, by the force of time, into the nonmanifested total material energy; the total material energy enters into the energetic pradhana, and the pradhana enters into You.
- ॐ Therefore after the annihilation of the whole cosmic manifestation, You alone remain with Your transcendental name, form, quality and paraphernalia.
- ॐ My Lord, I offer my respectful obeisances unto You because You are the director of the unmanifested total energy, and the ultimate reservoir of the material nature.
- ॐ My Lord, the whole cosmic manifestation is under the influence of time, beginning from the moment up to the duration of the year.

- ॐ All act under Your direction. You are the original director of everything and the reservoir of all potent energies.
- ॐ Therefore my Lord, I request You to save me from the cruel hands of the son of Ugrasena, Kamsa.
- ॐ I am praying to Your Lordship to please rescue me from this fearful condition because You are always ready to give protection to Your servitors
- ॐ I understand that this transcendental form is generally perceived in meditation by the great sages, but I am still afraid because as soon as Kamsa understands that You have appeared, he might harm You.
- ॐ So I request that for the time being You become invisible to our material eyes
- ॐ My only cause of fear from my brother Kamsa is due to Your appearance.
- ॐ My Lord Madhusudana, Kamsa may know that You are already born.
- ॐ Therefore I request You to conceal this four-armed form of Your Lordship which holds the four symbols of Visnu--namely the conchshell, the disc, the club and the lotus flower.
- ॐ My dear Lord, at the end of the annihilation of the cosmic manifestation, You put the whole universe within Your abdomen; still by Your unalloyed mercy You have appeared in my womb.
- ॐ I am surprised that You imitate the activities of ordinary human beings just to please Your devotee

Krishna's reply

- ॐ K smiles and speaks to V & D:
- ॐ My dear mother, in the millennium of Svayambhuva Manu, My father Vasudeva was living as one of the Prajapatis, and his name at that time was Sutapa, and you were his wife named Prsni.
- ॐ You worshipped your husband as if he were a god.
- ॐ At that time, when Lord Brahma was desiring to increase the population, he requested you to generate offspring.
- ॐ You controlled your senses and performed severe austerities.
- ॐ By practicing the breathing exercise of the yoga system, both you and your husband could tolerate all the influences of the material laws: the rainy season, the onslaught of the wind, and the scorching heat of the sunshine.
- ॐ You also executed all religious principles. In this way you were able to cleanse your heart and control the influence of material law.
- ॐ In executing your austerity, you used to eat only the leaves of the trees which fell to the ground.
- ॐ Then with steady mind and controlled sex drive, you worshiped Me, desiring some wonderful benediction from Me.

- ॐ Both of you practiced severe austerities for twelve thousand years, by the calculation of the demigods. During that time, your mind was always absorbed in Me.
- ॐ When you were executing devotional service and always thinking of Me within your heart, I was very much pleased with you.
- ॐ O sinless mother, your heart is therefore always pure.
- ॐ At that time also I appeared before you in this form just to fulfill your desire, and I asked you to ask whatever you desired.
- ॐ At that time you wished to have Me born as your son (or a son like Me).
- ॐ Although you saw Me personally, instead of asking for your complete liberation from the material bondage, under the influence of My energy, you asked Me to become your son
- ॐ So I became Pṛṣṇigarbha
- ॐ And the I later became Upendra (Upa + Indra = younger brother of Indra, i.e., Vāmana)
- ॐ
- ॐ Take me to Nanda's palace
- ॐ Don't fear Kamsa
- ॐ Trade with NM's daughter and you will be happy

The switch w/ Nanda

- ॐ Having spoken thus in the presence of His father and mother, the Lord became invisible
- ॐ Then turned Himself into an ordinary child and remained silent.
- ॐ Vas picks up baby from
- ॐ At same time a girl is born to Yasoda
- ॐ Yogamaya loosens shackles
- ॐ Doorkeepers asleep
- ॐ Doors open
- ॐ Dark turns to light
- ॐ Thunder and rain
- ॐ Ananta give protection
- ॐ Yamuna gives way (although filled with waves and whirlpools)
- ॐ Lions, snakes and other creatures were on her shores
- ॐ Vas enters NM & MY house
- ॐ Places K on bed
- ॐ Glances at daughter (Yogamaya)
- ॐ Picks up

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ॐ Leaves house

ॐ Crosses Yamuna

ॐ Enters cell

ॐ Reshackles and becomes as was before

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ॐ MY slept in bliss not knowing whether she had had a boy or girl