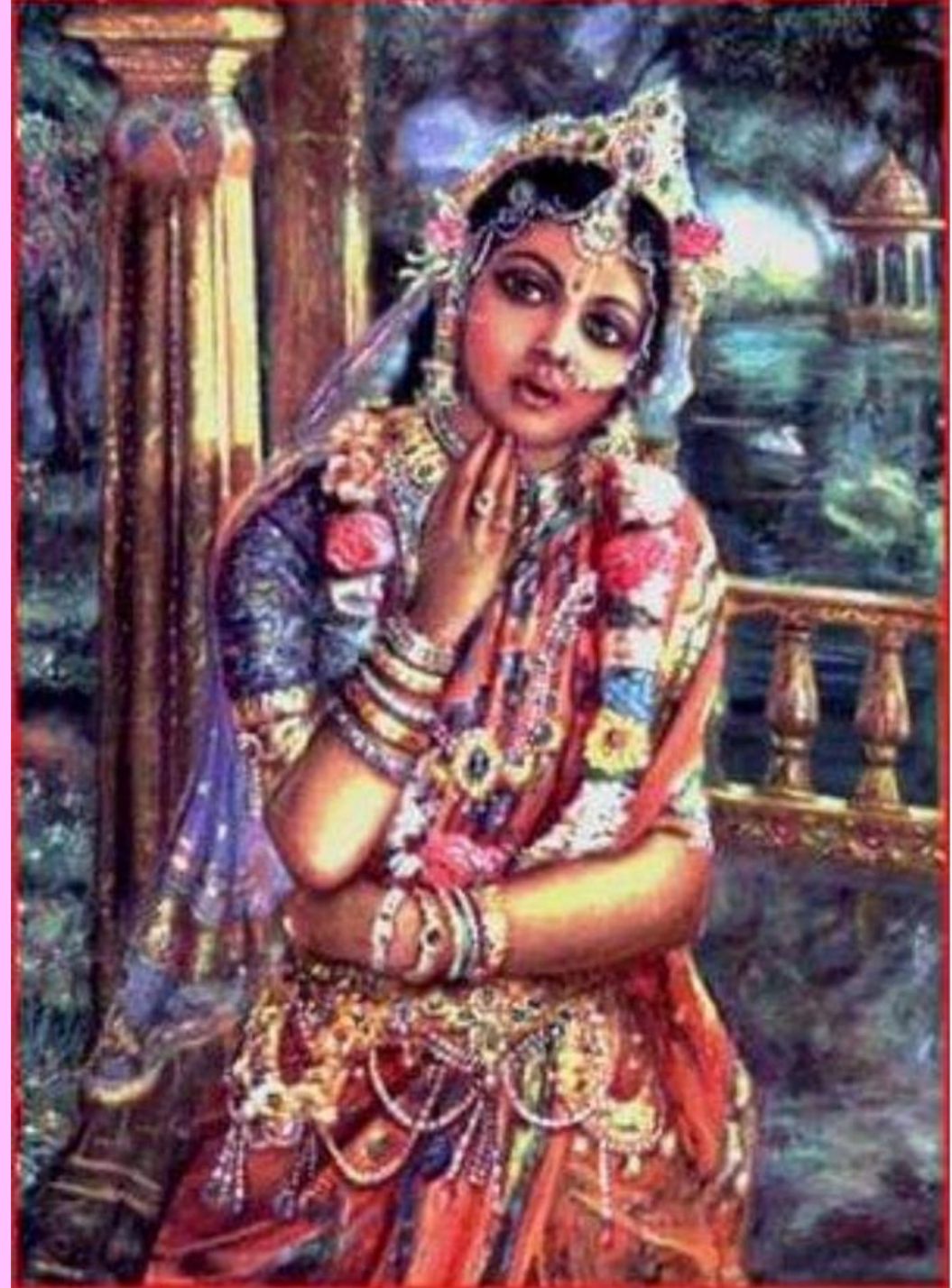


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श्रीरुक्मिण्युवाच

श्रुत्वा गुणान् भुवनसुन्दर शृण्वतां ते
निर्विश्यै कर्णविवरैर्हरतोऽङ्गतापम् ।
रूपं दृशां दृशिमतामखिलार्थलाभं
त्वय्यच्युताविशति चित्तमपत्रपं मे ॥ ३७ ॥

śrī-rukmiṇy uvāca

*śrutvā guṇān bhuvana-sundara śṛṇvatām te
nirviśya karṇa-vivarair harato 'ṅga-tāpam
rūpaṁ dṛśāṁ dṛśimatām akhilārtha-lābhaṁ
tvayy acyutāviśati cittam apatrapaṁ me*

Śrī Rukmiṇī said [in her letter, as read by the brāhmaṇa]:
O beauty of the worlds, having heard of Your qualities,
which enter the ears of those who hear and remove their
bodily distress, and having also heard of Your beauty,
which fulfills all the visual desires of those who see, I
have fixed my shameless mind upon You, O Kṛṣṇa.



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श्रीरुक्मिण्युवाच

का त्वा मुकुन्द महती कुलशीलरूप-
विद्यावयोद्रविणधामभिरात्मतुल्यम् ।
धीरा पतिं कुलवती न वृणीत कन्या
काले नृसिंह नरलोकमनोऽभिरामम् ॥ ३८ ॥

*kā tvā mukunda mahatī kula-śīla-rūpa-
vidyā-vayo-draviṇa-dhāmabhir ātma-tulyam
dhīrā patim̐ kulavatī na vṛṇīta kanyā
kāle nṛ-simha nara-loka-mano-'bhirāmam*

Śrī Rukmiṇī said [in her letter, as read by the brāhmaṇa]:
O Mukunda, You are equal only to Yourself in lineage,
character, beauty, knowledge, youthfulness, wealth and
influence. O lion among men, You delight the minds of all
mankind. What aristocratic, sober-minded and
marriageable girl of a good family would not choose You
as her husband when the proper time has come?



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श्रीरुक्मिण्युवाच

तन्मे भवान् खलु वृतः पतिरङ्ग जाया-
मात्मार्पितश्च भवतोऽत्र विभो विधेहि ।

मा वीरभागमभिमर्शतु चैद्य आराद्
गोमायुवन्मृगपतेर्बलिमम्बुजाक्ष ॥ ३९ ॥

*tan me bhavān khalu vṛtaḥ patir aṅga jāyām
ātmārpitaś ca bhavato 'tra vibho vidhehi
mā vīra-bhāgam abhimarśatu caidya ārād
gomāyu-van mṛga-pater balim ambujākṣa*

Śrī Rukmiṇī said [in her letter, as read by the brāhmaṇa]:
Therefore, my dear Lord, I have chosen You as my
husband, and I surrender myself to You. Please come
swiftly, O almighty one, and make me Your wife. My dear
lotus-eyed Lord, let Śiśupāla never touch the hero's
portion like a jackal stealing the property of a lion.



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श्रीरुक्मिण्युवाच
पूर्तेष्टदत्तनियमव्रतदेवविप्र-
गुर्वर्चनादिभिरलं भगवान् परेशः ।
आराधितो यदि गदाग्रज एत्य पाणिं
गृह्णातु मे न दमघोषसुतादयोऽन्ये ॥ ४० ॥
*pūrteṣṭa-datta-niyama-vrata-deva-vipra
gurv-arcanādibhir alam bhagavān pareśaḥ
ārādhito yadi gadāgraja etya pāṇim
grhṇātu me na damaghoṣa-sutādayo 'nye*

Śrī Rukmiṇī said [in her letter, as read by the brāhmaṇa]:
If I have sufficiently worshiped the Supreme Personality
of Godhead by pious works, sacrifices, charity, rituals and
vows, and also by worshiping the demigods, brāhmaṇas
and gurus, then may Gadāgraja come and take my hand,
and not Damaghoṣa's son or anyone else.

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RUKMINI DEVI'S PRAYERS

SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 10.52.41

श्रीरुक्मिण्यवाच

श्वोभाविनि त्वमजितोदेवहने विदर्भान्

गुप्तः समेत्य पृतनापतिभिः परीतः ।

निर्मथ्य चैदयमगधेन्द्रबलं प्रसह्य

मां राक्षसेन विधिर्नोद्वह वीर्यशुल्काम् ॥ ४१ ॥

śvo bhāvini tvam ajitodvahane vidarbhān

guptaḥ sametya pṛtanā-patibhiḥ parītaḥ

nirmathya caidya-magadhendra-balaṁ prasahya

māṁ rākṣasena vidhinodvaha vīrya-śulkām

Śrī Rukmiṇī said [in her letter, as read by the brāhmaṇa]:
O unconquerable one, tomorrow when my marriage ceremony is about to begin, You should arrive unseen in Vidarbha and surround Yourself with the leaders of Your army. Then crush the forces of Caidya and Magadhendra and marry me in the Rākṣasa style, winning me with Your valor.



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श्रीरुक्मिण्युवाच

अन्तःपुरान्तरचरीमनिहत्य बन्धून्-
त्वामुद्वहे कथमिति प्रवदाम्युपायम् ।
पूर्वेद्युरस्ति महती कुलदेवयात्रा
यस्यां बहिर्नववधूर्गिरिजामुपेयात् ॥ ४२ ॥

*antaḥ-purāntara-carīm anihatya bandhūn
tvām udvahe katham iti pravadāmy upāyam
pūrve-dyur asti mahatī kula-deva-yātrā
yasyām bahir nava-vadhūr girijām upeyāt*

Śrī Rukmiṇī said [in her letter, as read by the brāhmaṇa]: Since I will be staying within the inner chambers of the palace, You may wonder, “How can I carry you away without killing some of your relatives?” But I shall tell You a way: On the day before the marriage there is a grand procession to honor the royal family’s deity, and in this procession the new bride goes outside the city to visit Goddess Girijā.



RUKMINI DEVI'S PRAYERS SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 10.52.43

श्रीरुक्मिण्युवाच

यस्याङ्घ्रिपङ्कजरजःस्नपनं महान्तो
वाञ्छन्त्युमापतिरिवात्मतमोऽपहत्यै ।

यदर्यम्बुजाक्ष न लभेय भवत्प्रसादं
जह्यामसून्व्रतकृशान् शतजन्मभिः स्यात् ॥ ४३ ॥

*yasyāṅghri-paṅkaja-rajāḥ-snapanaṁ mahānto
vāñchanty umā-patir ivātma-tamo-'pahatyai
yarhy ambujākṣa na labheya bhavat-prasādaṁ
jahyām asūn vrata-kṛśān śata-janmabhiḥ syāt*

Śrī Rukmiṇī said [in her letter, as read by the brāhmaṇa]:
O lotus-eyed one, great souls like Lord Śiva hanker to bathe
in the dust of Your lotus feet and thereby destroy their
ignorance. If I cannot obtain Your mercy, I shall simply give
up my vital force, which will have become weak from the
severe penances I will perform. Then, after hundreds of
lifetimes of endeavor, I may obtain Your mercy.

Thank you !

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