

Madhurashtakam

मधुराष्टकम्

Madhurashtakam is an eight-verse Sanskrit hymn to Lord Krishna by Shri Vallabhacharya, founder of the Pushti Marg. Every line uses one word, 'madhuram' (sweet), to say that everything about Krishna is sweet: his lips, smile, flute, walk, friends and cows. Its refrain, 'Madhuradhipater akhilam madhuram', means 'all of the Lord of Sweetness is sweet'.

Shloka 1

Adharam Madhuram Vadanam Madhuram Nayanam Madhuram
Hasitam Madhuram
Hridayam Madhuram Gamanam Madhuram Madhuradhipater Akhilam
Madhuram ॥1॥

His lips are sweet, his face is sweet, his eyes are sweet, his smile is sweet. His heart is sweet, his walk is sweet. Everything about the Lord of Sweetness is sweet.

Shloka 2

Vachanam Madhuram Charitam Madhuram Vasanam Madhuram
Valitam Madhuram
Chalitam Madhuram Bhramitam Madhuram Madhuradhipater Akhilam
Madhuram ॥2॥

His words are sweet, his deeds are sweet, his garments are sweet, his graceful pose is sweet. His movements are sweet, his wanderings are sweet. Everything about the Lord of Sweetness is sweet.

Shloka 3

Venur Madhuro Renur Madhurah Panir Madhurah Padau Madhurai
Nrityam Madhuram Sakhyam Madhuram Madhuradhipater Akhilam
Madhuram ||3||

His flute is sweet, the dust of his feet is sweet, his hands are sweet, his feet are sweet. His dance is sweet, his friendship is sweet. Everything about the Lord of Sweetness is sweet.

Shloka 4

Geetam Madhuram Peetam Madhuram Bhuktam Madhuram
Suptam Madhuram
Rupam Madhuram Tilakam Madhuram Madhuradhipater Akhilam
Madhuram ||4||

His singing is sweet, his drinking is sweet, his eating is sweet, his sleeping is sweet. His form is sweet, his tilak is sweet. Everything about the Lord of Sweetness is sweet.

Shloka 5

Karanam Madhuram Taranam Madhuram Haranam Madhuram
Ramanam Madhuram
Vamitam Madhuram Shamitam Madhuram Madhuradhipater Akhilam
Madhuram ||5||

His deeds are sweet, his saving grace is sweet, his stealing is sweet, his play is sweet. What he gives forth is sweet, his stillness is sweet. Everything about the Lord of Sweetness is sweet.

Shloka 6

Gunja Madhura Mala Madhura Yamuna Madhura Vichi Madhura
Salilam Madhuram Kamalam Madhuram Madhuradhipater Akhilam
Madhuram ||6||

His gunja-berry necklace is sweet, his garland is sweet, the Yamuna is sweet, her waves are sweet. Her water is sweet, her lotuses are sweet. Everything about the Lord of Sweetness is sweet.

Shloka 7

Gopi Madhura Leela Madhura Yuktam Madhura Muktam Madhura
Drishtam Madhura Shishtam Madhura Madhuradhipater Akhilam
Madhura ॥7॥

The gopis are sweet, his play is sweet, union with him is sweet, release by him is sweet. His glance is sweet, his gracious ways are sweet. Everything about the Lord of Sweetness is sweet.

Shloka 8

Gopa Madhura Gavo Madhura Yashtir Madhura Srishtir Madhura
Dalitam Madhura Phalitam Madhura Madhuradhipater Akhilam
Madhura ॥8॥

The cowherd boys are sweet, the cows are sweet, his staff is sweet, his creation is sweet. His subduing of evil is sweet, the fruit he grants is sweet. Everything about the Lord of Sweetness is sweet.

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