

A HYMN TO ŚRI RĀMAKṚṢṆĀ
(Composed in Sanskrit by Swami Vivekananda)



Sri Ramakrishna at Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi

*Om Hrim rtam tvam acalo
gunajit gunedyah
naktam divam sakarunam tava
pada-padmam;
mohan - kasam bahu-krtam na
bhaje yato' ham
tasmāt tvameva saranam mama
dina- bandho!*

1. Thou art the Supreme Being indicated by the mystic sounds
Om and Hrim.

Thou art the Truth immutable who is beyond the sway of Gunas
(Nature's modes), yet Thy glory do the Gunas proclaim.

Day and night I have failed to worship Thy delusion-destroying feet with
a longing heart and firm determination.

Therefore Thou art my sole refuge,
O Friend of the lowly and the lost!

*Bhaktir bhagas ca bhajanam
bhava-bheda-kari
gacchanty alom suvipulam
gamanaya tattvam;
vaktro'ddhrto'pi hrdaye
na ca bhati kincit
tasmāt tvam eva saranam
mama dina-bandho!*

2. Devotion, Aspiration and Worship - all breakers of worldly bondage - are
indeed sufficient to take one to the Supreme Truth.

While I talk much of these, my heart fails to reflect them even in the least.

Therefore, Thou art my sole refuge,
O Friend of the lowly and the lost!

*Tejas-taranti tarasa tvayi trpta-trsnah.
rage krte rta-pathe tvayi Ramkrsne;
Martya-mrtam tava padam
maranormi nasam
tasmāt tvam eva saranam mama
dina-bandho!*

2. Those who have found the fulfillment of all their desires in Thee
and developed loving attachment to Thee, O Ramakrsna, the
Apostle of truth and righteousness! They do overcome very soon
the heat of the passions of the heart.

Thy name is in sooth an immortal drink to Thy devotees, a veritable
dispeller of the waves of death.

Therefore Thou art my sole refuge,
O Friend of the lowly and the lost!

*Krtyam karoti kalusam kuhakantakari
snatam sivam suvimalam
tava nama natha;
Yasmad aham tv'asarano
jagad-eka gamya
tasmat tvam eva saranam mama
dina-bandho!*

**4. Lord, holy and sanctifying is Thy name ending with "sna",
Destroying delusion in all and transforming sinners into saints.
I am verily without any other shelter,
O Thou, the goal of all the worlds!
Therefore Thou art my sole refuge,
O Friend of the lowly and the lost!**

*Sthapakaya ca dharmasya sarva
dharma-svarupne;
Avatara-varsthaya
Ramaksnaya te namah.*

**5. O Ramakrsna, founder of religion universal, and the embodiment of all
world religions!**

*Om namah Sri bhagavate Ramakrsnaya
namo namah!
Om namah Sri bhagavate Ramakrsnaya
namo namah!
Om namah Sri bhagavate Ramakrsnaya
namo namah!*

To Thee, the noblest of Divine Incarnations, I offer my salutation.

**(Translated by Swami Tapasyananda; from the book Aratrika and
Ramanam)**