

Gowreesashtakam
(The octet on the Lord of Gowri)

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(This reads exactly like Bhaja Govindam of Adhi Shankara, but it does not have the same verve, depth and music of that great work..)

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Bhaja Gowreesam Bhaja Gowreesam
Bhaja manda mathe,

Sing about Lord of Gowri,
Sing about lord of Gowri,
Sing Oh dimwitted one.

Jala bhava dusthara jaladhi sutharanam
Dhyeyam chithe Shiva hara charanam.
Anyopayam nahi nahi sathyam ,
Geyam Shankara shankara nithyam.

(Bhaja gow...) 1

The ocean of birth is difficult to cross,
So meditate on the feet of Lord Shiva,
For it is true and true , that there is no other option,
Except singing “Shankara” , “Shankara” daily.

(Sing about...)

Darapathyam kshethram vitham,
Deham geham sarvam anithyam,
Ithi paribhavaya sarva masaaram,
Garbha vikruthya swapna vicharam.

(Bhaja gow...) 2

Wife, children , estates , wealth,
Body and home are all temporary,
Thinking like this, all are insignificant,
And this play of birth is only a thought in the dream.

(sing about...)

Maya vaichithye punaravruthi ,
Punarapi janani jatarithpathi,
Punarapyasakulitham jataram kim,
Nahi munjasi kadhayeschitham.

(Bhaja gow....) 3

If you again fill your mind with illusion,
You would to be born from the mother again,
And why this sorrow and suffering of the body again,
If you tell your mind , “do not think of this stomach.” (sing about...)

Maya kalpithamaindram jalam,
Na hi thath sathyam drushti vikaram,
Jnanthe thathwe sarvamasaram
Ma kuru, Ma kuru vishaya vicharam. (Bhaja gow...) 4

This world is a magical trick created by illusion,
And what you see or feel is not the truth,
And once you know the truth , all others are insignificant,
Do not do, do not do the thought of pleasures. (sing about...)

Rajjou sarpa bramanaropa,
Sthadwad brahmaani jagadaropa,
Mithya maya moha vikaram,
Manasi vicharaya bharam bharam. (Bhaja gow...) 5

Like you mistake the rope as a snake.
The earth is mistaken as Brahman,
And this is due to deceit, illusion and passion,
Think about this in your mind again and again. (sing about...)

Adhwara koti Ganga gamanam,
Kuruthe yogam Chondriya dhamanam,
Jnana viheena sarva mathena na,
Bhavathi muktho janama sathena. (Bhaja gow...) 6

Crores of Yagnas and going to Ganga,
And performance of the control of senses,
Does not free even in hundred births,
The one without Jnana , from this illusion. (sing about...)

Soham hamso brahmaivaham ,
Shudhananda sthathwa paroham,
Adhwaithoham sanga viheene
Chaindriya, aathmani nikhile leene, (Bhaja gow...) 7

When you get out of the bondage and merge with Brahman,
You get immersed in pure joy outside philosophical thoughts,
And realize you are the one and there is no two or company,
And what you are is the mingling of senses and the soul. (sing about...)

Shankara kimkara maa kuru chitham,

Chinthamanirna virachithametham,
Ya sad bhakthya patathi hi nithyam,
Brahmani leeno bhavathi hi sathyam.

(Bhaja Gow....)

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Oh , servant of God Shiva, do not get worried,
If you read with devotion daily,
This which is composed by Chithamani,
Truly you would merge with ultimate Brahman.