All glories to Śrī Guru and Śrī Gaurāṅga

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Children’s Colouring Book

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This is an humble offering to the Lotus Hands of our beloved Śrīla Gurudev, Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Gosvāmi Mahārāj.

This simple children's book tries to present a hint of the dynamic message Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj is most generously giving to us all.

My hope is that by beautifully colouring in these pictures of the transcendental Holy Dhām, you will please our sweet Gurudev, and the lotus of your hearts will bloom in love and affection for him, and his beloved devotees.

Perhaps you would like to send him one of your best pictures. Śrīla Gurudev is always very happy to see his beautiful devotee children, and is lovingly extending his mercy to us all, as our dearest well-wisher.
sarvopaniṣado gāvo,
dogdhā gopāla-nandanaḥ
pārtho vatsaḥ sudhir bhoktā,
dugdham gitāmṛtam mahat

The Glories of the
Śrimad Bhagavat-gitā

“The crest-jewels of the Vedas, all the Upaniṣads, are as the cow, and the milker of the cow is Lord Śrī Krishna, the son of Nanda Mahārāj. Arjuna is the calf, the nectar of the Gitā is the milk, and the fortunate devotees are the enjoyers of that milk.”

-from the Auspicious Invocation in Śrimad Bhagavat-gitā, The Hidden Treasure of the Sweet Absolute.
...As the evening lotus blooms in the moon’s cooling rays, the heart begins to blossom in the nectar of the Name. And at last the soul awakens to its real inner treasure—a life of love with Krishna...

—Excerpt from Sri Sikṣāṣṭakam, Verse 1
sāṅgopāṅge gaura-dhāme
nitya-parakāśa
gupta-govarddhane
divya-lilāra-vilāsa

“Eternally present in
Nabadwip Dham
With your associates,
by your sweet will,
You enjoy your holy Pastimes
On hidden Govarddhan Hill.”

-Śri Guru Ṛati-sluti by
Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda
Dev-Gosvāmi Mahārāj
‘tāthai tāthai’ bājalo khol,
ghana ghana tāhe jhājera rol,
preme dhala dhala sonāra ānga,
charane nūpura bāje

“The mrīdāṅgas went ‘tāthai tāthai’ to the rhyming chiming of the cymbals, as Mahāprabhu’s golden form shivered in ecstasy and His footbells jingled.”

—from Arunodaya-kīrttan
by Śrila Bhaktivinod Ṭhākura
sri-guru-gauranga-gandharvva
govinda-sundara-angha
pujyante chastra chaitya-
sarasvata-mahasrita
“Sri Sri Guru Gauranga-
Gandharvva-Govinda-Sundar’s
lotus feet are worshipped
by their servitors
who are taking shelter of
Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math.”

by Sriila Bhakti Rasak Srídhar
Dev Goswami Mahārāj
muralīra kala-dhvani,
   madhura garjana śuni’,
vṛndāvane nāēhe mayūra chaya
   akalaṅka pūrṇa-kala,
lāvanya-jyotsnā jhālamala,
   chitra-chandrera tahāte udaya

“The lustre of Śrī Krishna’s body
   is as beautiful as the glow
of a spotless full moon that has just risen,
and the vibration of His flute
sounds exactly like the sweet thundering
of a newly formed cloud.
When the peacocks in Vṛndāvan
hear that vibration,
they all begin to dance.”

-Śrī Chaitanya-charitāmṛta, Ṭīṭya 15.67
“Intending to engage in Pastimes, Lord Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, accompanied by Lord Balarām and surrounded by the cowherd boys and the cows, entered the forest of Vṛndāvan as He played His flute.”

“Decorating themselves with newly grown leaves, along with peacock feathers, garlands, clusters of flower buds, and coloured minerals, Balarām, Krishna and Their cowherd friends danced, wrestled and sang.”

-Śrīmad Bhāgavatam 10.18.8 & 10.18.9
samudra-sambhavā gābhi surabhi āpana
dugdhe abhiṣeka kaila vrajendra-nandana
sei dugdhe pūrṇa kuṇḍa 'śrī govinda' nāma
ramya giri govarddhane sobhe abhirāma

“Surabhi, the divine cow who appeared from churning the milk ocean, lovingly bathed Vrajendra Nandan Krishna with her own milk. The pond filled with that milk, ‘Śrī Govinda Kunda,’ graces beautiful Govarddhan with exquisite beauty.”

-Śrī Govinda Kunda Māhātmya
by Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda
Deva-Goswāmi Mahārāj
Oh my mind, please chant the Name of Nityānanda. You’ll never get such a merciful Lord.
Oh my mind, please chant the Name of Nityänanda. You'll never get such a merciful Lord again. Keep Him within the lotus of your heart.  
—by Śrīla Vṛndāvan dāsa Thākura
tam prekṣya bhagavad-bhaktam
hanumantam maha-balam
jayate bhagavad-bhakto
hanumān iva mānavaḥ

“A person who sees
the very powerful devotee Hanumān
becomes a great devotee of the Lord.”

-Śrī Garga-saṁhitā, 21.2
gachchhan vṛndāvanam gauro
vyāghrebhainā-khagān vane
premonmattān sahonṛtyān
vidadhe kṛṣṇa-jalpinah

“On His way to Vṛndāvan, Lord Śri Chaitanya Mahāprabhu passed through the forest of Jhārikhaṇḍa and made all the tigers, elephants, deer and birds chant the Hare Krishna Mahā-mantra and dance. Thus all these animals were overwhelmed by ecstatic love.”

-Śrī Chaitanya-čharitāmṛta, Madhya 17.1
jaya jaya guru-deva-ğer árati ujvala
govardhana-páda-pithe bhuvana-mángala

“All glories to the effulgent árati of Śri Gurudev,
which is going on at the foot of Govarddhan,
benefiting the whole world.”

-from Śri Guru Ārati
“The elephants whose bodies were touched by the water splashed by Lord Śrī Chaitanya Mahāprabhu, began to chant “Krishna! Krishna!” and dance and sing in ecstasy.”

-Śrī Chaitanya-charitāmṛta, Madhya 17.32
"The sight of the holy Tulasi tree soothes my soul, for I know she gives pleasure to Lord Krishna."

—from *Śuddha-bhakata* by Śrīla Bhaktivinod Ṭhākur
sadya pātaka samhantri
sadya duḥkha vināśini
sukhadā bhaktidā gāṅgā
gāgeva paramāgati

“Oh Gaṅgadev! Oh glorious refuge!
You immediately destroy all sins
and remove all sadness.
You are the giver of happiness
and the giver of devotion
unto the lotus feet of Lord Śrī Krishna.”
śrūyatāṁ śrūyatāṁ nityāṁ
giyatāṁ giyatāṁ mudā
chintyatāṁ chintyatāṁ bhaktāś
chaitanya-CHARITĀMRTAM

Let it be heard, let it be heard, eternally,
Let it be chanted, let it be chanted,
with great happiness,
Let it arise,
let it arise within you, oh devotees,
Hear, chant and remember
Śrī Chaitanya-CHARITĀMRTA.

- Śrī Chaitanya-CHARITĀMRTA, Āntya 12.1
When a male and female parrot appeared on the branches of a tree, the Lord saw them and wanted to hear them speak. Both parrots flew onto the hand of the Lord and began to chant the transcendental qualities of Krishna, and the Lord listened to them.”

- Śrī Chaitanya-charitāmṛta, Madhya 17.208 & 17.209
amala harinām amiya-vilāsā

“The Holy Names of Krishna are spotless and full of sweetness and beauty.”

-from Śrī Nāma-Kīrttana
by Śrīla Bhaktivinod Thākur