

# Ohe! Vaiṣṇava Ṭhākura

—from Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura’s *Śaraṇāgati*

*ohe!*

*vaiṣṇava ṭhākura, doyāra sāgara,  
e dāse koruṇā kori’  
diyā pada-chāyā, śodho he āmāya,  
tomāra caraṇa dhorī*

O venerable Vaiṣṇava, O ocean of mercy, be merciful unto your servant. Give me the shade of your lotus feet and purify me. I hold on to your lotus feet. (1)

*chaya bega domi’, chaya doṣa śodhi’,  
chaya guṇa deho’ dāse  
chaya sat-saṅga, deho’ he āmāre,  
boshechi saṅgera āse*

Teach me to control my six urges; rectify my six faults, bestow upon me the six qualities, and offer unto me the six kinds of holy association. (2)

*ekākī āmāra, nāhi pāya bala,  
hari-nāma-saṅkīrtane  
tumi kṛpā kori’, śraddhā-bindu diyā,  
deho’ kṛṣṇa-nāma-dhane*

I do not find the strength to carry on alone the *saṅkīrtana* of the Holy Name of Hari. Please bless me by giving me just one drop of faith with which to obtain the great treasure of the Holy Name of Kṛṣṇa. (3)

*kṛṣṇa se tomāra, kṛṣṇa dite pāro,  
tomāra śakati āche  
āmi to’ kāṅgala, ‘kṛṣṇa’ ‘kṛṣṇa’ boli’,  
dhāi tava pāche pāche*

Kṛṣṇa is yours; you have the power to give Him to me. I am simply running after you crying, “Kṛṣṇa! Kṛṣṇa!” (4)