

# YOU ARE MASTER, I AM SERVANT

*hari he  
tumi jagatera pitā      tumi jagatera mātā  
doyita tanoya hari tumi  
tumi suhr̥n mitra guru      tumi gati kalpa-taru  
twadīya-sambandha-mātra āmi*

O Lord Kṛṣṇa, You are the father of the universe. You are the mother of the universe. O Lord Kṛṣṇa, You are the beloved son. You are the spiritual master, the well-wisher, and the friend. You are the shelter and the *kalpa-vṛkṣa* tree. In these ways I have a relationship with You.

*taba bhṛtya parijana      gati-prār̥thi akiñcana  
prapanna tomāra śrī-carane  
taba sattwa taba dhana      tomāra pālita jana  
āmāra mamatā taba jane*

I am Your servant, Your follower, a poor person who begs You for shelter, a soul surrendered at Your graceful feet. I am Your property, Your creation, Your dependent, protected by You. I am Yours.

*e bhaktibinoda koya      ahantā-mamatā noya  
śrī-kṛṣṇa-sambandha-abhimāne  
sebāra sambandha dhorī’      ahantā-mamatā kori’  
tad-itare prākṛta bidhāne*

Bhaktivinoda says: I do not proudly think “I” and “mine” in my relationship with Lord Kṛṣṇa. Still, as I serve Him, I do think in terms of “I” and “mine”. Outside of serving Him, these would be only material thoughts.

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