

# SELF CHEATING SOUL

*hari he*  
*tabānghri-kamala-dwoya      bilāsa-bikrama-moya*  
*parābara jagata byāpiyā*  
*sarba-khaṇa bartamāna      bhakta-kleśa-abasāna*  
*lagi' sadā prastuta hoiyā*

O Lord Kṛṣṇa, with Your two playful lotus feet You walk everywhere in the spiritual and material worlds. At every moment You rescue Your devotees from their sufferings. That is why You are always glorified.

*jagatera sei dhana      āmi jaga-madhya-jana*  
*ata eba sama adhikāra*  
*āmi kibā bhāgya-hīna      sādhanē bañcita dīna*  
*ki kāja jībane āra chāra*

A great treasure is present in this world. I live in this world. I could have picked up that treasure. Why am I so unfortunate? Why did I cheat myself and turn myself into a pauper? Why did I turn this life into a pile of ashes?

*kṛpā binā nāhi gati      e bhaktibinoda ati*  
*dainya kori' bole prabhu pāya*  
*kabe taba kṛpā pe'ye      uṭhibo sabale dhe'ye*  
*heribo se pada-juga hāya*

Without Your mercy there is no auspicious future. Approaching Your lotus feet, Bhaktivinoda humbly says: O Lord, when will I attain Your mercy? When will I get up and run to meet You? When will I see Your beautiful lotus feet?

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