

Sri Suktam

(With lyrics and meaning)

Om Harihi Om

Śrīm Hiraṇya varnām hariṇīm suvarna-rajata-srajām

Chandrām hiranmayīm lakshmīm jatavedo ma avaha | (1)

Hrīm Tām ma ávaha játavedo lakśhmīm anapa gáminīm

Yasyám hiraṇyam vindeyam gám ásvam puruśhán aham | | (2)

(1-2) Invoke for you O Agni, the Goddess Lakshmi, who shines like gold, yellow in hue,

wearing gold and silver garlands, blooming like the moon, the embodiment of wealth. O

Agni! Invoke for me that unfailing Lakshmi, blessed by whom, I shall win wealth, cattle,

horses and men.

Klīm Aśhwa-pūrvám ratha-madhyám hasti náda prabódhiním

Śhriyam devím upahvaye śhrír ma devír jushatám | (3)

Aim Kám sósmítám hiranya prákárám árdrám jvalantím triptám tarpayantím

Padme sthitám padma-varnám támihópahv

embodiment of inauspiciousness and such evil as hunger, thirst and the like. O Lakshmi!

Drive out from my abode all misfortunes and poverty.

Ka e í la Hrīm Gandha dvárám durá dharṣhám nitya-pushtám karíshiním

Iśhvarígm sarva bhūtánám tám ihó pahvaye śhriyam | (9)

Ha Sa Ka Hala Hrīm Manasah kámam ákūtím vácah satyam ashímahi

Paśhūnāgm rūpam annasya mayi śrīh shrayatām yaśhah | | (10)

I hereby invoke Lakshmi (Shri), whose (main) avenue of perception is the odoriferous sense

(i.e., one who abides mainly in cows); who is incapable of defeat or threat from anyone;

who is ever healthy (with such virtuous qualities as truth); whose grace is seen abundantly

in the refuse of cows (the cows being sacred); and who is supreme over all created beings.

O Lakshmi! May we obtain and enjoy the fulfillment of our desires and our volitions, the

veracity of our speech, the wealth of cattle, the abundance of varieties of food to eat! May

prosperity and fame reside in me.

Sa Ka La Hrīm Kardamená praja-bhūtá mayi sambhava kardama

Śriyam vásaya me kule mátaram padma-máliním | (11)

Souh: Āpah srijantu snigdháni chiklíta vasa me grihe

Nicha devím mátaram śhriyam vásaya me kule | | (12)

(11-12) Lakshmi! You have progeny in Kardama. (Hence) O Kardama, may you reside in me.

Make Mother Shri with garlands of lotuses to have Her abode in my (ancestral) line. May the

(holy) waters create friendship (they being of adhesive nature). O Chiklita (progeny of Shri)!

Reside at my home; and arrange to make Divine Mother Shri stay in my lineage!

Aim Ardám pushkariním pushtim pingalám padma máliním

Chandrám hiran-mayím lakshmím játavedó ma ávaha | (13)

Klīm Ārdhám yah kariním yashtim suvarnám hema-máliním

Sūryám hiran-mayím lakshmím játavedó ma ávaha | | (14)

Invoke for me, O Agni, Lakshmi who shines like gold, is brilliant like the sun, who is powerfully fragrant, who wields the rod of suzerainty, who is the form of supreme rulership,

who is radiant with ornaments and is the goddess of wealth. Invoke for me O Agni, the

Goddess Lakshmi who shines like gold, blooms like the moon, who is fresh with anointment

(of fragrant scent), who is adorned with the lotuses (lifted up by celestial elephants in the

act of worship), who is the presiding deity of nourishment, who is yellow in colour, and who

wears garlands of lotuses.

Hrīm Tām ma ávaha játevedó lakshmím anapa gáminím yasyám

Hiranyam prabhūtam gávó dásyó ásván vindeyam purushan aham | | (15)

Invoke for me O Agni, that Goddess Lakshmi, who is ever unfailing, being blesses by whom I

shall win wealth in plenty, cattle, servants, horses and men.

Śrīm Őm mahá-devyai cha vidmahe, vishnu-patnaiya cha dhímahi

Tanno Lakshmíh prachódayát | | (16)

We commune ourselves with the Great Goddess, and meditate on the consort of Vishnu;

may that Lakshmi direct us (to the Great Goal). Om May there be Peace, Peace, Peace.

Őm Shántih, Shántih, Shántih.

The supreme appears in the form of Vishnu to uphold and protect the world. The operation

is done through the power of Vishnu for which the terminology is Lakshmi. She is the

Brahman revealed in its mother aspect as creatrix and nourisher of the three worlds. Her

description appears in the Shi Sukta, where she has been lauded in golden words and in

glorious terms...Just as there is no difference between Power-Holder (Vishnu) and Power

(Lakshmi)...She is the presiding deity of all divine manifestation.

For the adoration of Lakshmi, there is no hymn equal to the Sri Sukta...The letters, syllables

and words in the fifteen verses of Sri Sukta, collectively form the sound body of Lakshmi, the

presiding deity of this Hymn. As it has come to us from the consciousness state of the Rishi

(seer), the substance is Chit, the creative energy in Vaikhari or gross form of sound.

Sri Sukta is a Siddha Mantra and is a radiant mass of energy. By proper Sadhana, the jiva can

raise itself to a divine status.