

## Shri Kanakadhara Stotram

aN^ga.n hareH pulakabhuushhaNamaashrayantii  
bhR^iN^gaaN^ganeva mukulaabharaNa.n tamaalam.h .  
aN^giikR^itaakhilavibhuutirapaaN^galiilaa  
maaN^galyadaa.astu mama maN^galadevataayaaH .. 1..

The dark Tamala tree in full bloom attracts the female beetle and even so Mahalakshmi is attracted and finds happiness in the fragrant and dark-complexioned body of Hari and makes it tingle with joy. May she bestow on me prosperity by her auspicious glance. Note: The poet in Shankara compares the dark Tamala tree to the dark beautiful form of Vishnu, the dark beetle to the black lustrous eyes of Mahalakshmi. The glance of Lakshmi's eyes on Vishnu gives him great happiness. A mere momentary flash of her eyes on anybody will bless him with prosperity.. 1 ..

mugdhaa muhurvidadhatii vadane muraareH  
prematrapaapraNihitaani gataagataani .  
maalaa dR^ishormadhukariiva mahotpale yaa  
saa me shriyaM dishatu saagarasaMbhavaayaaH .. 2..

The shy love-laden sidelong glance of the beauteous dark eyes of the daughter of the Milky Ocean, returns again and again to the beauteous lotus face of Murari, just like the black bee constantly returning and flitting about the beautiful blue lotus flower. I pray that these glances be bestowed upon me to bless me with prosperity. Note: The dark beauteous face of the Lord is likened to the blue lotus. The dark glance rests upon the handsome face of the Lord and out of shyness the eyes are turned away but love again makes the glance rest upon the Lord. This series of sidelong glances are likened here to a string or Mala and they further look like the series of trips which the honey seeking black bee makes to the blue lotus. The devotee hopes that he will be prosperous if a sidelong glance of the Goddess of Wealth falls at least momentarily on him... 2 ..

aamiilitaakshamadhigamya mudaa mukundaM  
aanandakandamanimeshhamanaN^gatantram.h .  
aakekarasthitakaniinikapakshmanetraM  
bhuutyai bhavenmama bhujaN^gashayaaN^ganaayaaH .. 3..

The eyes of Mukunda remain closed in ecstasy. The beauteous dark eyes of Lakshmi remain fixed on Mukunda in love and wonder and remain open without blinking. May these eyes of Mahalakshmi fall on me and bless me with prosperity and happiness.. 3 ..

baahvantare madhujitaH shritakaustubhe yaa  
haaraavaliiva hariniilamayii vibhaati .

kaamapradaa bhagavato.api kaTaakshamaalaa  
kalyaaNamaavahatu me kamalaalayaayaaH .. 4..

Lord Vishnu whose chest is adorned by the Kaustubha Mala is also adorned by the series of the beautiful glances of Goddess Mahalakshmi. This string of glances resembles a necklace of precious blue stones of Indraneela and they are capable of fulfilling all the wishes of Hari Himself. May this string of glances be directed towards me so that it will bring me auspiciousness.. 4 ..

kaalaambudaalilalitorasi kaiTabhaareH  
dhaaraadhare sphurati yaa taDidaN^ganeva .  
maatussamastajagataaM mahaniiyamuurthiH  
bhadraaNi me dishatu bhaargavanandanaayaaH .. 5..

Mahalakshmi shining on the dark broad chest of Mahavishnu is like the streak of lightning illuminating the dark rain clouds. May she, the daughter of the Sage Bhargava worshipped as Mother by the entire universe, bring me auspiciousness.. 5 ..

praaptaM padaM prathamataH khalu yatprabhaavaat.h  
maaN^galyabhaaji madhumaathini manmathena .  
mayyaapatettadiha mantharamiikshaNaardhaM  
mandaalasa.n cha makaraalayakanyakaayaaH .. 6..

The God of Love, Manmatha, could gain access to Madhusudana (the destroyer of the demon Madhu, i.e. Vishnu) only because he was favored with the blessing glance from Mahalakshmi . May her auspicious indolent sideglance fall on me (May she bless me with prosperity by looking at me in passing at least for a moment .. 6 . .

vishvaamarendrapadavibhramadaanadakshaM  
aanandaheturadhikaM muravidvishho.api .  
iishhannishhiidatu mayi kshaNamiikshaNaardham.h  
indiivarodarasahodaramindiraayaaH .. 7..

The status of the king of kings or the exalted position of an Indra are given effortlessly by Mahalakshmi by a mere momentary glance. Murari (Vishnu) who is supreme bliss itself is made happy by it. May this glance from the blue- lotus eyes of Lakshmi fall on me for a moment at least. Note: The beautiful lotus eyes flashing momentarily on someone is capable of making him a king of kings ir even an Indra. Murari the seat of all bliss is thrown into ecstasy by it. Will she not glance at me , even for a second?.. 7..

ishhTaavishishhTamatayo.api yayaa dayaardra\  
dR^ishhTyaa trivishhTapapadaM sulabhaM labhante .  
dR^ishhTiH prahR^ishhTakamalodaradiiptirishhTaaM  
pushhTiM kR^ishhiishhTa mama pushhkaravishhTaraayaaH .. 8..

The higher worlds like Swarga which are difficult of attainment and for which great sacrifices like Ashwamedha are performed become easily attainable by the compassion filled look of the lotus eyes of Mahalakshmi . May she look at me so that I may attain my heart's desires. .. 8 ..

dadyaaddayaanupavano draviNaambudhaaraaM  
asminnakiJNchanavihaN^gashishau vishhaNNe .  
dushhkarmadharmamapaniyya chiraaya duuraM  
naaraayaNapraNayiniinayanaambuvaahaH .. 9..

The dark rain clouds driven by the monsoon winds releases rain on the parched earth and quench the thirst of the Chataka bird and brings prosperity on the earth. In like manner may the dark eyes of Mahalakshmi resembling the rain cloud wafted by the breeze of compassion release the rain of prosperity on this devotee of a Chataka bird stricken with the load of accumulated sins so that the sins are washed away and prosperity bestowed upon him.. 9 ..

giirdevateti garuDadhvajasundariiti  
shaakambhariiti shashishekharavallabheti .  
sR^ishhTisthitipralayakelishhu sa.nsthitaayai  
tasyai namastribhuvanaikagurostaruNyai .. 10..

We offer obeisance to the Goddess Mahalakshmi, the consort of Narayana, the preceptor of all the three worlds. She is variously known as Saraswati the Goddess of Learning, as Goddess Lakshmi, the Divine consort of Mahavishnu, as Shakambhari or as Parvati the consort of Lord Maheshwara. Verily it is she who is playfully engaged in creation, protection and final destruction of the Universe.. 10 ..

shrutyai namo.astu shubhakarmaphalaprasuutyai  
ratyai namo.astu ramaNiiyaguNaarNavaayai .  
shaktyai namo.astu shatapatraniketanaayai  
pushhTyai namo.astu purushhottamavallabhaayai .. 11..

O Goddess as the very manifestation of the Vedas, you grant the fruits of godd action. Beautiful in form like Rati Devi you are the very ocean of superlatively beautiful qualities. Having your abode in the beautiful lotus of a hundred petals, you are Shakti personified. O consort of Purushottama, You are the Goddess of plenty. Please accept my obeisance .. 11 ..

namo.astu naaliikanibhaananaayai  
namo.astu dugdhodadhijanmabhuumyai .  
namo.astu somaamR^itasodaraayai  
namo.astu naaraayaNavallabhaayai .. 12..

O Consort of Narayana! Whose face is as beautiful as the lotus in bloom, I bow down to thee . Born out of the milky ocean, along with the moon and the Divine nectar, O Goddess! accept my pranams.. 12 ..

namo.astu hemaambujapiiThikaayai  
namo.astu bhuumaNDalanaayikaayai .  
namo.astu devaadidayaaparaayai  
namo.astu shaarN^gaayudhavallabhaayai .. 13..

I prostrate before you, O Goddess, who are seated on the Golden Lotus, who is Goddess of the earth, the consort of Narayana, compassionate to the Devas.. 13 ..

namo.astu devyai bhR^igunandanaayai  
namo.astu vishhNorurasi sthitaayai .  
namo.astu lakshmyai kamalaalayaayai  
namo.astu daamodaravallabhaayai .. 14..

My obeisance to you, O daughter of Bhrigu, consort of Damadara. O Lakshmi, seated on Lotus and adorning the broad chest of Mahavishnu, my salutations to Thee.. 14 ..

namo.astu kaantyai kamalekshaNaayai  
namo.astu bhuutyai bhuvanaprasuutyai .  
namo.astu devaadibhirarchitaayai  
namo.astu nandaatmajavallabhaayai .. 15..

O Consort of Gopala, the son of Nanda, you are worshipped by the Devas. You are Jyoti incarnate, I prostrate before Thee. Your eyes are like lotus petals. You have created the world and you bestow prosperity. Please accept my salutations.. 15 ..

sampatkaraaNi sakalendriyanandanaani  
saamraajyadaanavibhavaani saroruhaakshi .  
tvadvandanaani duritoddharaNodyataani  
maameva maataranisha.n kalayantu maanye .. 16..

May I always have the desire to prostrate before you because a pranam to you is capable of bestowing all prosperity and will bring happiness to all the senses. Worshipping O Lotus-eyed Goddess not only removes all miseries but it confers happiness and plenty.. 16 ..

yatkaTaakshasamupaasanaavidhiH  
sevakasya sakalaarthasaMpadaH .  
sa.ntanoti vachanaaN^gamaanasaiH  
tvaaM muraarihR^idayeshvariim bhaje .. 17..

The devotee who worships your Kataksha (sidelong glance) is blessed with wealth and prosperity. To you, the queen who dominates the heart of Vishnu, my pranamas, through word, thought, and deed.. 17 ..

sarasijanilaye sarojahaste  
dhavalatamaa.nshukagandhamaalyashobhe .  
bhagavati harivallabhe manoGYe  
tribhuvanabhutikari prasiida mahyam.h .. 18..

Seated on the lotus with the lotus flower in your hand, dressed in dazzling white and adorned with garlands and sandalwood paste, you gladden our hearts. O Goddess, the consort of Vishnu you who confer prosperity on all the three worlds, please show compassion towards me.. 18 ..

dig.h hastibhiH kanakakuMbhamukhaavasR^ishhTa\  
svarvaahiniivimalachaarujalaplutaaN^giim.h .  
praatarnamaami jagataaM jananiimasheshha\  
lokaadhinaathagR^ihiNiimamR^itaabdhiputriim.h .. 19..

O mother of all the worlds, consort of Vishnu the lord of the Universe, the Dig-gajas (the celestial elephants guarding various directions) bathe you everyday with waters of the Deva Ganga poured out from golden vessels. O daughter of the milky ocean, I prostrate before Thee.. 19 ..

kamale kamalaakshavallabhe tvam  
karuNaapurataraN^gitairapaaN^gaiH .  
avalokaya maamakiJNchanaanaaM  
prathamaM paatramakR^itrimaM dayaayaaH .. 20..

O Goddess Lakshmi, consort of the Lotus-eyed Mahavishnu, direct your gaze filled with compassion at me, your devotee who am the poorest of the poor, so that I may become the true recipient of the benefits of your compassion.. 20 ..

devi prasiida jagadiishvari lokamaataH  
kalyaNagaatri kamalekshaNajiivanaathe .  
daaridryabhiitihR^idayam sharaNaagataM maam.h  
aalokaya pratidinaM sadayairapaaN^gaiH .. 21..

O Goddess, controller of the Universe and protector of the people, blessing with your limbs, and gazing with your lotus-like eyes, forgive me. With my heart filled with fear of poverty, I surrender myself wholly to you, that you may watch over me every day with unbroken compassion.. 21 ..

trayiimayiiM tribhuvanamaataram ramaam.h .  
guNaadhikaa gurutarabhaagyabhaagino  
bhavanti te bhuvi budhabhaavitaashayaaH .. 22..

Those who sing the praise of Mahalakshmi who is the vedas personified, by these stotras everyday will be blessed with all good qualities, unsurpassed good fortune and powers of the intellect which will earn praise from even the learned... 22 ..

.. iti shrImachchhaN^karaachaaryakR^ita  
shrii kanakadhaaraastotra.n saMpUrNam.h ..  
//Thus concludes the Kanakadhara Stotra//