

## CHAURASTAKAM

(1)

**vraje prasiddham navanīta-cauraṁ  
gopāṅganānām ca dukūla-cauram  
aneka-janmārjita-pāpa-cauraṁ  
caurāgragaṇyaṁ puruṣaṁ namāmi**

(2)

**śrī rādhikāyā hṛdayasya cauraṁ  
navāmbuda-śyāmala-kānti-cauram  
padāśritānām ca samasta-cauraṁ  
caurāgragaṇyaṁ puruṣaṁ namāmi**

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(3)

**akiñcanī-kṛtya padāśritaṁ yaḥ  
karoti bhikṣuṁ pathi geḥa-hīnam  
kenāpy aho bhīṣaṇa-caura īdṛg  
dṛṣṭaḥ-śruto vā na jagat-traye 'pi**

(4)

**yadīya nāmāpi haraty aśeṣaṁ  
giri-prasārān api pāpa-rāśīn  
āścarya-rūpo nanu caura īdṛg  
dṛṣṭaḥ śruto vā na mayā kadāpi**

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(5)

**dhanam ca manam ca tathendriyani  
pranams ca hrtva mama sarvam eva  
palayase kutra dhṛto 'dya caura  
tvam bhakti-damnasi mayā niruddhaḥ**

(6)

**chinatsi ghoram yama-pasha-bandham  
bhinatsi bhīmam bhava-pasha-bandham  
chinatsi sarvasya samasta-bandham  
naivātmano bhakta-kṛtam tu bandham**

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(7)

**man-mānase tāmāsa-rāśi-ghore  
kārāgr̥he duḥkha-maye nibaddhaḥ  
labhasva he caura! hare! cirāya  
sva-caurya-doṣocitam eva daṇḍam**

(8)

**kārāgr̥he vasa sadā hṛdaye madīye  
mad-bhakti-pāśa-dṛḍha-bandhana-niścalaḥ san  
tvām kṛṣṇa he! pralaya-koṭi-śatāntare 'pi  
sarvasva-caura! hṛdayān na hi mocayāmi**

## CHAURASTAKAM TRANSLATION

**(1) I offer my respectful obeisances to that foremost of thieves – who is famous in Vraja as the butter-thief and He who steals the gopis' clothes, and who, for those who take shelter of Him, steals the sins which have accrued over many lifetimes.**

**(2) I offer my respectful obeisances to the foremost of thieves – who steals Srimati Radhika's heart, who steals the dark luster of a fresh raincloud, and who steals all the sins and sufferings of those who take shelter of His feet.**

**(3) He turns His surrendered devotees into paupers and wandering, homeless beggars – alas! Such a fearsome thief has never been seen or heard of in all the three worlds.**

**(4) Mere utterance of His name purges one of a mountain of sins – such an astonishingly wonderful thief I have never seen or heard of anywhere!**

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**(5) O Thief! Having stolen my wealth, my honour, my senses, my life and my everything, where can You run to? I have caught You with the rope of my devotion.**

**(6) You cut the terrible noose of Yamaraja, You sever the dreadful noose of material existence, and You slash everyone's material bondage, but You are unable to cut the knot fastened by Your own loving devotees.**

**(7) O stealer of my everything! O Thief! Today I have imprisoned You in the miserable prison-house of my heart which is very fearful due to the terrible darkness of my ignorance, and there for a very long time You will remain, receiving appropriate punishment for Your crimes of thievery!**

**(8) O Krishna, thief of my everything! The noose of my devotion remaining forever tight, You will continue to reside in the prison-house of my heart because I will not release You for millions of aeons.**