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#### **FOREWORD**

The book 'Sacred waves', written by Sri K.Kurmanadham, is a good book which carries devotional, sensible, emotional feelings towards Lord Venkateswara and Alamelu Mangamma. The author has versed his devotion in simple language and style. He expresses his gratitude, his submission at the feet of the Lord in a humble manner. He has presented the Sath, Chith, Ananda rupa of the Swamy in a pleasant way. The poet has very gently prostrated and prayed God through his poems for Sayujyam.

Hope that the poet's devotional feelings become one with that of the readers. May Lord Venkateswara Swamy shower his blessings on His devotees forever.

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## **Author's Note**

This is my fifth book in English. Earlier I published a book which bears 108 of Annamayya's lyrics have been translated by me into English as sonnets.

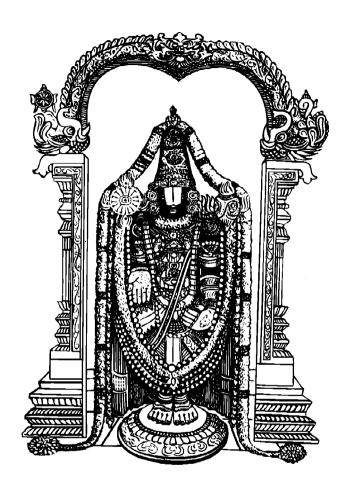
During the last two years I wrote two volumes of lyrics on Lord Sri Venkatesawara in Telugu each over 300 in number. One of the two was published by the T.T.D. Tirupati as MANASA MADHAVAM and for the other entitled, CHINTANAMRUTAM. The T.T.D. sanctioned a grant for publication. I feel it all happened by the divine grace of Lord Venkatesawara. A few months ago, I developed a strong desire to write some poems in genres like lyrics and ballads in English on Venkateswara and His Consort, Alamelu Manga. I could fulfil my desire with Their grace in a couple of months. I felt Iam just instrumental.

Lord Venkatesawara is Vishnu Himself who, according to mythology, lies on the coiled Adisesha, the gigantic serpent, in the ocean of milk. Lakshmi is said to have been born out of the same ocean of milk when churned by the angles and the giants. Hence the title of the book is nomenclatured as SACRED WAVES.

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"Let me ever remain Your foot - Prints fine On the sands of Time Like a happy dream"

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1. Behold the yonder wonder
With the majesty of angelic splendour
Like a golden lotus beside the holy pond
Delivered from the earth's womb to respond
To some divine call by humans unheard.
Divinity unseen has taken shape hard
Yes, yes that's the tower of yellow gold
Looking like a blazing power so bold
Against the azure sky to stun humanity
Like chiselled imagination of beauty.
That's the Tirumala Temple of the Lord
Venkatesa, all his devotees to guard.

O! the glow of divinity aloft in view
On the Atlantian peak ever new
Like the morning sun very bright
Pleasant like the milky way at night.
It's the earthly abode of the Lord of angels!
With dazzling miraculous golden pinnacles

2. This is the Tirumala mount crowned with the temple

Raised for Lord Venkatesa with pomp to sparkle. As we step in the gilded Flag Post greets With its magnetic attraction treats, It's hard to recede despite urgency Of worldly struggle but to stay for mercy.

It stands there still
As earthly heaven of peace
In the realms of Spiritual acme
Rare for man on this planet, come what may.

- It floods in inward peace and silence Amid man's humdrum life of trance Prayer and worship for salvation Greet us in life as a solution
- 3. This is the great temple for inner peace
  Spititual citadel of God to brace,
  Scarce from top to root in fact
  Sacred from end to end to attract.
  Shaped and built as God's will
  Alluring pilgrims even today still.
  So great a temple can never be seen
  Collecting wealth in gold and currency clean;
  Filling the HUNDI in lacs every day
  As the devotees flood in and pray
- 4. That's the PUSHKARINI with holy water Deep in the middle, with a structure At the centre for some UTSAVAS At times with His consorts Srinivasa. Just three dips in it give you MOKSHA! It's said in mythology for RAKSHA. Ancient as the temple beside Large, open, welcoming and wide Good enough to clense all our sins Which fly away like kites and feathers, With it's waters highly clear and pure All our evil nature to deeply cure. Like the Vedas it's banks four are sacred Getting therein is becoming good indeed, Coming out is gathering virtue all Following us as shadows when we fall

5. Come devotees come to climb up these hills With glee atop, our hearts it fills
The sacred abode of Venkatesa still;
The steps look like a cobra creeping uphill
Here seen, there not, amidst the green
All transport us to a world unseen.

Replete with trees touching the skies Briars, bushes and creepers, blooms and bees Around; crags, rocks and jutting stones, Trickling springs of water nature owns Here the branches arching, there birds twittering All around distant Hills refreshing, Cleanly clad in hazy fog white As we go up to the top of the hill right

6. Good morning good morning Swamy Venkatesa Wake up wake up, my salutation to you O Venkatesa!

The morning star is twinkling
The silent breeze is whispering
The birds twitter flying up in the sky
The sun behind the peak is rising.

Arise awake good morning

O Venkatesa!

Blooms have opened their scented hearts Leaves and flowers swing in parts The bees are busily buzzing The rills are slowly flowing. Arise awake good morning

O Venkatesa!

- 7. You are consciousness pure
  Embodied sacredness I'm sure.
  You are my poetic Muse
  You alone Venkatesa make loose
  My worldly ties and break
  Inner desires and crying hack.
  - Transport me into a new experience Keep me in Your dazzling light
    Far beyond the Time's flight I know not Your divine ways
    I am unaware of Your mystic rays
    Show me Your unknown miracles
    Which are unthinkable puzzles.
    Filling the universe YourSelf
    Make nothing to feel for myself
    In utter loneliness and deep silence
    I surrender at Your feet in peace
- 8. Let Your will, Venkatesa prevail
  Let that be my destiny to trail
  I crave now for one, then another.
  What I like today, I dislike later
  You know what is best always for me
  You know how to guide and save me.
  You are my Providence and Creator,
  God on Seven Hills and Saviour,
  In Your heart is a golden pot of affection
  In Your looks is a stream of pity
  Sacred is Your august presence.
  My weal, I know, is in Your silence

Lift me up for eternal bliss Which, at any cost, I shouldn't miss

Sacred Waves

- 9. How long should I wait in life? How long should go my strife? My yearning seems to have no end Should I wait and staring? All I want is care - free life of devotion. Venkatesa lead me in life for salvation. You have given me enough to live You know what I deserve and give You have pinned me to Your holy feet Which I've implanted in my heart. Lead me Paramatma in the right path In Your mysterious world of faith. Let nothing stop me on my way to You Envy, anger, desire, pride - all in queue With avarice, harm, hurt, possessiveness. With one and all let me feel oneness Kill the animal in me for purity Rise me to higher levels of humanity
- 10. Why should there be scare at all?
  Why that terror for the end final
  In life called DEATH, Purushottama,
  When You are with me Paramatma?
  Birth is natural. If so why not death?
  One gives joy; the other, grief-is it the truth?
  What's to happen will for certain happen;
  Fear to face it should never happen.
  Is it the fear of losing all one's own
  Or the fear of a journey unknown?

Sacred Waves

Or the scare 'I am undone' beyond doubt
Where? How long? How far? questions quite a lot
Death is said to be the king of terrors.
But it is also the wonder of wonders,
As You direct to You my lonely soul
Moving like a meteor to the Earth as goal,
Let it then be cozy at Your soft feet
In service to You divinely great

- 11. Swing, swing the cradle to and fro
  In the hearts with devotional flow.
  Here is Venkatesa seated in pleasure,
  Beside Him is Alamelu a pleasing treasure.
  A divine couple they are in the swing
  Our hearts with ecstasy They fill.
  There is divine Mother, beauteous
  Like a smiling lotus She's thus
  Srinivasa there is in Jasmine white
  With loving looks of godly light.
  Alamelu Manga seated is a heavenly angel
  God of Joy's dearest one so well;
  A lovely couple divine sitting there
  Wash us of all our sins away with care
- 12. On Venkatadri to settle Hari came
  To save us from impending doom
  Of KALIYUGA; and please with His boons
  O! with His beauty of a thousand moons
  Greet Him for His grace and goodness
  Pray to Him for a life of sweetness
  Let our ardour grow for Him to fullness
  Worship Him as the Lord of all creation

Maintain with Him your endless relation.
Crave for His ways
In your life all days
He knows what to do when and how
He is your boundless protection now.
He is the cause of our birth,
He alone gives the call of death,
He is your Friend in weal or woe
He is your ruling Lord with glow

- 13. Come, come, to You all, welcome Friends and relatives all of you Let's worship Lord Venkateswara Sing and pray praising Him here; And grow in devotion To be free from worldly ties so hard. Prayer takes us closer for His grace Which will rain on us for days To fulfill wishes for lives happy. His looks of love spread quite fully For us like a sweet fragrance, On our roads of reverence He is the lord to give you wealth He alone lets you live in good health He Will give you eternal sprite? When you wake up in His world of light,
- 14. Who does not know the truths of life Venkatesa in Your teachings rife As Krishna deep and right for good in sight? Who fails in receiving grace after Your DARSHAN

And with a sense of dismay slowly
Surrender as Your NAMAM is seen keenly?
Who will not get an experience great
When they see the golden glow of Your feet?
Who will not rise in devotional thoughts
Feeling a void in the life of doubts
And for sure Venkatesa if You grant
Get satisfaction and enlightenment?
You give lots of bliss when You bless
When You are by us life is not a mess.
Give us pleasure beyond measure
That is enough that is our treasure
In Your presence in sanctum - sanctorum
In utter helplessness of lives humdrum

15. O Srinivasa! it is Your pleasure To be at the root of nature You are the cause and also the effect As the cause of all causes You act You are our ever - great Lord You alone can solve our problems hard The abstract Brahman You are. The concrete and the formless You are The endless ecstasy You are OM and its sacred sound You are. The flawless and the divine in fact. At heart so soft and kind to react. You lure the world, for You, to crave. Pure at heart, full of grace You save You give assurance with one hand Your feet You show with the other hand To surrender having none to save us As providence and Creator of us

- 16. O Mother! Alamelu and Lord Venkatesa. Prostrations to You for Your grace At Your sacred feet I fall at best And keep the dust there on my crest. Your sandals on my head I wear And feel sacred with them here. Obeisance to Your glowing eyes Which are founts of pity for us. Sacred are Your soft red hands Which rise to bless Your bands Of devotees during the time Of DARSHAN of value prime. The blooms in Your garlands down the neck Speak volumes of their beauty and luck For not simply from the plants falling Down to become useless by withering
- 17. All is sacred about You, Almighty.

  Venkatesa in human form with sanctity.

  You are both Truth and Beauty two in one
  Real rapture in concrete form done,
  You are in and above Your creation
  And the cause of all the planets in motion.
  God of angels and victor ov'r rebels
  With love at heart for the devotees.
  Judging Destiny and Providence You are.
  Heaven on earth is Your temple there
  On the mount which is the cynosure.
  To clense our vision beyond measure.

For us You are the pillar of pity And the SAGUNA form of duty

- 18. I have but You to worship ever To You alone I surrender To shed down my care and scare Venkatesa, my God I swear. If you manifest in my bosom It's enough for my bliss to the brim. Your DARSHAN makes me touch the sky I wipe off my evil. It gives fillip to my poetic flair And allure my mind with thoughts fair. You shine in my life's gloom And lift the curtain of my doom, Stand by me in life of dismay And fill it with relief every day. Let Your benevelence flow in plenty To rise in spirituality
- 19. Like a temple in my little heart
  With Venkatesa and His consort,
  On the pedestal of marble white
  With crown and garlands delicate
  Afloat on a pleasant thought
  My mind sings a song caught.
  In a mood of vernal splendour
  Denoting only wonder Devi Manga's beauty is blazing light
  Sripati's my ocean of delight
  Where they stay is my haven.
  Thought of Them is my heaven.

In their silence is eternal Truth
In their smiling faces is Beauty forsooth.
In their presence is my mind;
In their thoughts let my life end

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- 20. Is not Your golden blaze a feast Venkatesa in the rising sun in the east? Then my soul dances in rapture Like bourn over rocks in nature. Fading fog is lifting the curtain To show You to us for certain. The twitter of birds is the sound of bells The rising sun is the camphor HARATI well Falling flowers is PUJA for You. Blowing breeze is fanning for You. Mind is full of Your form afresh! As I think of You, mundane things vanish. Gratitude for Your grace is deep With bedewed eyes this mood I keep Lead me in my gloom of life Let every day pass with deep belief
- 21. He is God, the inner soul
  Of creatures all
  He is Srinivasa make a note
  He is the SAGUNA and NIRGUNA great
  SATH, CHITH and ANANDA in Him meet
  All our remorse He can unseat
  In you He is
  In me He is
  In all He is
  Anywhere He is

In the elements omnipresent
In all in the sky He is latent.
He is beauty, He is Truth
He is God, all in all, on earth,
Cause and effect, deed and doer
He is above and below, far and near
He is all we see and we can't!
Softer than butter, harder than flint
He is the beginning and the end
Of time, He's Ananta and Govinda,
He's virtue, the good and the sacred
He is beyond human thought to read
Devoted to Him, I quiver
In reverence at His stature

22. You are Govinda, the only male to woo All of us are women to love You. Away from You I can't be any hour With no thought of You in me to hover. For Your nectar of grace like bees, Leave me not at any time please. Let the path be to Your golden door For worship with roses in store Burning camphor shows my passing days Jasmines reveal my devotional lays. In PUSHKARINI atop the hill Let me dip myself thrice and fill My mind with the thought "I'm consecrated" Become peaceful and feel contented. Like a peacock I shall dance And forget myself as in trance.

At Your feet let me fall at last, Like a lotus in worship cast; And till end let me be ever With You and be in You thereafter

- 23. I fold my hands to you Alamelu Mangamma
  As the Goddess of three is one, as clue
  Wealth, power and learning to completion
  I pray to You in all devotion.
  Sacred as OM, You are highly divine
  I eulogise You in a lyric fine.
  I chant Your names for Your grace
  Shower Your kindness and pity to brace.
  Let me lead my life thus day and night
  As Your will directs it aright,
  My life on earth You are
  My life beyond You are
  Let every day bring me to You closer
  Till I fall on Your feet as a flower
- 24. Let me O Alamelu Manga! sing a song for You In my full-throated voice anew,
  Which comes with devotion from heart thus Mellow, melodious and mellifluous.
  Every word in sense is so sacred
  With the magic of music charged
  With a soft slow beat
  To the ears so sweet,
  Keeping You at heart
  On a pedestal apart.
  I look at none but You within e'er
  Unaware of things in prayer

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Addicted to admire You I race
Day and night dear Mother! for Your grace
And in Your soft vast bosom a place.
Whatever You grant me I grab
Like to be with You, living or dead,
Is my living desire for good

- 25. Let me pray to you O Mother! You are Universal Divine Mother: You are the Phantom of delight in fame Your very name is sweeter than nectar, You are the source of deep dream of peace Shelter is Your heart, moon is Your face. From Your looks emanate racing rays, Which penetrate my heart for days. I melt in repentance And rise in tolerance Where ever You are, that would be my temple. You are my breath and mind simple My thought word or deed You are In every cell in me You are. Let Your name be written Even in my ashes lain
- 26. Like a sweet-singing parrot in my heart
  You spread sacred spells of cosmic note.
  On Your smiling lips of rosy sheen
  Stellar light of pleasant flashes is seen
  Over the pearls of Your teeth
  So nicely set and meet.
  Flowing forth like the sacred Ganges pure

Flowing forth like the sacred Ganges pure Our woe, Your words sweet as honey can cure, Fresh like a blooming lotus is Your face Your heart is replete with pity and grace.

O Mother Alamelu! heavenly Goddess on earth Guide us in life and save us from the cycle of birth and death.

In our world of sinful life and suffering You alone can save us from sinking.

Where You stay, there for us, is harvest
And You make us happy to the best
Let me be in my cocoon of peace in brief
Drawing forth fibre of virtuous life,
Only to break the shell one day
And to Your heavenly kingdom fly
Beating wings of good briskly
Foreseeing future shortly

27. My heart is a tiny temple
I invite You on to the pedestal
Let this lyric be the Flag Pole
And my devotion edifice whole.
Let me eulogise You Alamelu Manga
Lost in thoughts of You so well,
My corporal frame is Your gift
Which moves about as You shift.
I invoke You with gratitude
With devotional attitude
For Your maternal care
Of life's problems aware.
Let my voice in prayer
Kill my swelling ego.

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Let me be drenched by Your pity Dear Mother I know not how My life You lead, Let my life as incence burn Or flow at Your feet like a bourn

28. O! divine Mother, Alamelu Mangamma In Your presence I feel light as feather. O! the smiling beauty divine Let me feel that You are mine For my faith, worship, thought and deed Asleep or awake wherever indeed.

You are my stable splendour from heaven
And all my nasty past has been driven, by you;
O! spring of peace for me
And peak of delight at heart You see,
Care-free dawn in Life's Paradise,
Rainbow in my thoughtful sky, I praise
You for my dream of peace on earth
Which, by Your love, gives me mirth.

You flash Yourself into me soothingly Making every cell in me dance blithely Throughout my life let that flow. Let it rise like a gaint wave slow To drown me under its blessing hood, In my life mundane doing me all good

29. Shall I sing O! Mangamma, eulogizing You In song expressing devotion to You Let my voice rise like a fountain All my spirituality to contain,

To be free from unquenchable thirst To narrate Your miracles at first.

To Your omnipresence in nature
Let me react with this mind mature
And fall on Your lotus feet to prostrate.
To charge myself with Your divine state,
To give riches in plenty Goddess You are
To keep us fine all in all You are.
Take it or leave - It's Your will
Lead or leave me - It's up to You still.
Let we be happy in Your looks of grace,
Let we have Your blessings for peace.
Pull me to Your feet godly,
They're my heaven of weal earthly

30. I see the moon in Your visage fine so too is Your stature highly divine, Hey Venkatesa! our heavenly Father, Your heart is a golden pot of nectar. You are all the virtues personified Sacred as OM, creator of nature wide Here, there, everywhere You are, for sure, Animate or not in all to allure Quite expressive in Your smiling face Hard for us to describe You in full, since You are the part and the whole at once In temples all in any form to glance. Enormous power, You are beyond ken Auspicious every inch to stun You are for us in thought and action In atom, even in Your creation.

In our lives of rise and fall You are behind one and all. Who will come to our rescue When prayed for, if not You?

- 31. Every second I depend on You Venkatesa, every inch in fact on You Like a child on its mother. As Your staunch devotee ever. All the days hitherto I've passed. Doing nothing a lot I missed For my life beyond with my sins I feel I've slipped into an abyss. I now trust You to lead me as guide On the rude rugged road of life wide. I now stand on the knife - edge in fear Under the threat of suspense severe. On one side is my gloom of wasted past, On the other, my unknown future to last. Judge me not for my sinful past Pull me up from the mire with pity to last. You alone can save me from my doom And make my life again bloom
- 32. I stay clinging to Your sacred feet
  Paramatma, pull or push me not
  I stop not invoking, chanting Your name
  Break not my bond with You e'en for game!
  How can I forget Your winsome face
  And singing in praise devotional lays?
  Reject me not as a sycophant;

Project me as devotee to the front.

Your Kindly looks refresh me a lot I forget not Your love for me in fact Your idol radiates peace and grace Let me not be deprived of it hence

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Your revelations make me follow, To lives as a recluse don't allow For me, If so, it is surely death That will sooner stop my breath

33. All glory and topless mounts of renown Lead but to the wretched grave alone Only Your boundless affection lifts me up From the ocean of vices very deep.

Gilded tombs and marble monuments Stick to the soil holding worms and ants People however great in health or wealth End in ashes after death at length.

All of them hold external glitter Let me fly towards You in flutter Want is endless, desire is deathless Lust is baseless, greed is goal-less.

Sky - high is human wrath Earthly is manly strength, Strengthen my will Venkatesa to hate them Lengthen my life to turn away from them.

Dip me in Your divine love stream Pull me into Your periphery now-Keep me ever at Your foot All my life deep with root 34. On my mind's highway

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In my life's rugged sway

Let this lyric reverberate.....

As I see You Venkatesa, straight arrow

And let Your grace and this song

Go hand in hand to last long.

My life is a rudderless boat

In the stream of silent Time afloat -

Going adrift - bound for where

I know not, You save it with care,

As You alone know it's safe shore.

And You alone know what's in store.

Let my hopping hope be in Your shade

And turn a new page to stay in glade

Fresh in the smiling east

For a long time to last.

Let anchored doubts go adrift ashore

Safely by Your grace racing to Your door

#### 35. Dicori Dicori Dee

Let this be a lullaby

To my prettiest deities

Hari and Siri as babies -

Let me swing the cradle

Singing in the middle

Let my heart throb in beat

To the song with joy replete.

As my eyes follow the swing

End to end to music, cling

And think they're asleep happily

With no thought at all calmly

As in heaven as it were Let my thoughts be all clear.

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In gratitude let me shed a tear For all they've done for me as dear At the sight of their faces All my tension soon races

In dreams of joy I'll be lost Off the deeps of sins at last. I forget myself in their service At their feet I stay thence.

36. O! Alamelu Manga with Your miraculous powers Lift me up from sinful life which towers Where You are, there's my paradise In Your vicinity is my place to rise.

In Your word is a cure for malady In voice hides, a pleasing melody, In Your hands a blessing stays And all my remorse surely flees.

If You move, a lightning is seen In Your face smiles the moon. If a flower falls from You, it's pleasure In Your looks touch me I reap my leisure.

If You nod it's heavenly signal, All my sins of ego, to annual-If You stand I see a flying star, When seated, thousand meteors I see afar.

Let my life move by Your favour Which does not slow, nor stop ever 37. Her heart is a pot of pity pure
Her face has the sheen of pearls, sure
Her looks evince glowing grace

Her smile is delight dense-

Who is she? Who can she be She is Divine Mother Alamelu Manga! All my life to steer.

In her form is a swan
In her gait is peacock won
In her stature's majesty
In her heart is amnesty.
Who is she? Who can she be?
Mangamma great is She
Mother to all is She

Truth and Beauty blend in her Might and light embody in her Eye - feast is Her physical show With Her fades all human woe. Who is she? Who can she be? It's Alamelu Manga The Divine Mother ha!

Moon on earth, pleasing to view
She fulfils our wishes in queue,
Silent miracle of inner glow
Eternal wonder of blazing show Who is she, you imagine
She is Mother Alamelu, us to bless
It is certain beyond guess

38. Lord of the Seven Hills, Please nullify all my sinsYou're my God and Saviour-Pardon me, Your creature. From sinning and falling, Your miracles doing.

What for are my hands, if not for worshiping You? What for are my feet, if not for walking to You? What are my eyes for, if not for describing You? What is my tongue for, if not for praising You? What for is my speech, if not for telling about You? What for is my head, if not, for bowing to You? What for is my knowledge, if not describe about You? What's my heart, for if not venting dearness? What's my life for, if not writing about You? What's my birth for, if not for be a devotee of You?

39. You, I forget not a day
Venkatesa, my God, I feel rejoiced
Let my heart throb in beat
E'en in sleep to the chant,
OM NAMO VENKATESAYA
GOVINDA GO....VINDA
And keep me at peace when awake
Never leave me, Hari at stake.

Whate'er I do it is that 'I' in me
Which in sleep alone lies down in me
Please check it sternly for my sake
Into Your full control You take
Let Your mercy spread to me
You know there's none for me
Parent, Preacher, God You are for me.
No second passes sans Your care

No truth fails, if You are for me I'm a do - nothing, if You leave me, I am a cipher, every deed goes in vain Without Your grace nothing I gain. You are my thought, lot and goal All in all, my rise or fall, life whole I surrender to You My prostrations to you, Govinda...

40. Let this be the song of good wishes To You my God - all bad it crushes Look there behind the eastren peak The rising sun's bold golden streak. Listen to the chorus of the birds anew-Flying across the welkin for You Listen to the sounds of temple bells Look at the nature's dance in rills, And its revealing freshness full All the things remain no more dull. Buds bloom with heavenly smile With thousand hues and scents while The sky is alert with crimson rays. A mild touch of the blowing breeze gives In the rivers there a leap Drifting clouds on the hills sleep; Nature presents a symphony Pleasing sounds in harmony, All of them in the morning light Are lost in great, great delight. All are for Your pleasing DARSHAN My God Venkatesa! at dawn

41. Desert me not Srinivasa Destituted let me not, in fear, Tether me to Your feet With Your chains of grace meet. Stop not Your protection for me, And Your relation with me. Let me be in Your looks ever Sever me not in any manner. Your grace is food for me, Your temple is heaven for me, Pleasing gesture is promise Assuring hand gives confidence. I kick my problems away At the sight of You and day. You were behind my birth You will be behind my death You are my soul You've been my goal

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42. Who can sink differences
Between man and man?
Who can bind with goodness
For amity man to man?
It's but Venkatesa swamy,
Therefore shed down fear.

Who can guide me and enlighten blessing us on no condition? It's Venkatesa God Of life have no fear.

Who can give me solace And rapture to embrace With haloed face And divine grace? He is Venkateswara Swamy; And is always near.

Who is in all present?
Who is to all pleasant?
Who is concrete reality?
Who has all the ability?
He is Srinivasa, Paramatma
He is certainly only that Parabrahma.

Always sing His glory For wasted life feel sorry

43. Prostrations to You Govinda
Salutations to You Mukunda
In our lives of worry and flurry
You are our Guard - hence no worry
In our lives of care and dare to fare
You are our prop pretection and seer.
It's hard for us to stand Your test
On You, our lives to lead we rest
Please show us the path to weal,
And make us ready for any deal
As You like, rotate our life's wheel
You are the source of delight to feel
With grace change our sinful ways,
Lead us afresh for better days.

You are the stablest one. You are the ablest one You are What You are For us all You care

- 44. Let my sins, Venkatesa, from me fly Like flies around a flame, to die Let me crave for the life beyond In salvation and bliss to abound. Let me become a thrall of Your love Docile as a little cow. Let enemity in me sink To wipe off differences frank. Let Your teachings reverberate In the chambers of my heart-In the Geeta those as Krishna Or like those of Sankara-Let me see as void all-Air, fire, earth or heaven as nil. Let my thoughts come to a halt And no inner conflict, felt. With the peace of Himalayan peaks Then longing for future weeks Let all thoughts of past be dead, And wisdom raise its drooping head -Let that be my state of mind To enlightenment to bind
- 45. You are my divine Guard
  And also my heavenly Lord.
  Venkatesa! my Godhead on the mount
  Staying with Your consort at heart.
  Generator behind creation
  Organiser of it with caution
  Destroyer too after ages to fall
  GOD You are hence for all.

To give or take as You please
To do or undo all at ease God You mend the evil
And the virtuous, You defend.
SAGUNA Brahman You are
NIRGUNA Brahman too You are.
You're the creation, seen and unseen
Above the creation You have been

46. Seven colours together is white Seven Hills share Your light After six hills You are present O'ercoming six evils is meant MOKSHA by You Govinda The preacher of the Geeta. You pervade all that is seen, You are behind all unseen. You are beyond human vision, You are, above worlds in heaven. You are OM and the sound there in. At the root of all, without and within. You're time - past, present and future. You are big and small - all in nature. You're the light, bright and the fire. At Your feet I stay and admire. You are purity; You are divinity; You are providence; You are Almighty. You are in all created nature To try to realize You is a venture Beyond our human imagination Far, far away from planet's rotation

Beyond the worlds and their rulers Beyond all stages and waters Beyond pitch - black darkness, ablaze You shine self - illuminated to daze Motionless and still I prostrate myself As a fruit to You I offer myself

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47. So sweet a face With angelic grace Alamelu Manga possesses I don't lose my craze, With ease to write the lays That mother Alamelu has Her ways. Before Her all the evil goes In Her vicinity blows All the caressing breeze -With fragrance all with ease. She looks lovely like a swan All the devotees to stun. In Her presence, blessing thrill abounds, In Her hair hides the darkness of clouds, In Her visage the full moon hides, In Her brow mark the sun abides, In Her silence phiolosophy lies, To us from Her security flows.....

48. When I close my eyes

There I see Srinivasa,

When I open my eyes

There He is my boss,

Asleep or awake, inside He's present.

He is my spirit of delight

He is on the Hill top to fare
He is here, there, anywhere.
In the welkin among the stars He is
Or in the far - off galaxies.
He is bright in the golden sun,
A bloom divine He is so fine A bouquet of virtues He is
A bunch of miracles to amaze,

On the world's stage He makes us act

The concrete and the abstract

- 49. Chant, chant Ramana's name aloud Sing, sing Alamelu's name to resound Venkatesa is an incarnation.

  Alamelu too is so; both with notion All our grief to end and bless

  With grace all days Pray and address, And amidst many never feel lonely. Seek their love for a life lovely

  In their presence all's well, divine In their temple feel the peace so fine Hear the sacred sound of temple bell. See their stature, feel joy well

  Worship them with veneration Pray to them for salvation
- 50. Lauding Your virtues is my prayer Seeing Your face is my heaven ever An ocean of pity, Venkatesa You are A drop from it washes off our care. Praised by angels, God on earth

You alone can stop my rebirth
Protecting me my Divine Lord
You are my guard and I'm Your ward.
You are at the very root of sound
To Your sacred feet I am bound.
You are the source of solace endless
Shower on me Your grace boundless
Your thousand names console me
Your Holy Hill is heaven for me,
Deep in You lies my secret future.
Your divine power nurtures me
Thoughts about You gives an abundant hope
That none but You are ever my prop

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51. Venkatesa! Whate'er befalls me is Your grace What You give, always I embrace Of all causes You are the cause How can I decode Your godly ways? You are the ruling Sire of all nature, And also in me my silent preacher. The wind blows it's Your will, Rivers flow it's Your will In flowers it is Your smile In the full moon, Your suitable style -When the sun rises it is Your delight Day and night You're my inner light. Moving clouds are Your moods of love To shower on me - to You I bow. Good harvest for our food is Your will Which we need to live till we are nil. Earth and water, air and fire and all

Changing seasons and chasing days fall Nothing remains but You are infant! On the banyan leaf afloat, innocent. Birth and death, ease and disease Are all Your ways, as You please You are the Truth, Beauty You are. Eternal power, as You will, I fare

52. Ramana, how stately Your idol is!
How divine Your manly stature is!
I love Your honeyed smile on the lips
Quite pleasing in its own way; it grips.
How thrilling is Your pressence divine
In Your golden yard of the temple plain!
How mysterious is Your NANDAKAM!
How powerful is Your SUDARSHANAM!
With abundance of affection
You answer our prayers anon.

Such thoughts never leave me in fact As I trust, You are there to protect. My love for You rises like a rocket. I live with gratitude as my debt.

My feelings fly like the honey bees From bloom to bloom of Your trees In Your garden of ecstasy Pass my days

On the world's stage as You please You are all that is the ultimate truth -Eternal and Omniscient for sooth You are the only witness for all time For anything anywhere to come 53. Let my thoughts, all my days be about You Let no day end sans worshiping You Seshadri, supreme among the mountains, Desert me not, redeemer from sins When on my couch I lie, be in my dreams Let me feel. "I am in heaven" Let good alone be tempting and winning Let me be not for sinning and falling. Let Your feet be the cynosure to allurement Let the blooms there on be my treasure Let my tears wash the dust off -And my fears fly fast off my bosom Let my pen write ever in praise of You For each word dipped well in blessings of You Which wells up on no condition at all To drip from each line drop by drop for all Let service to the helpless be my motto Which remains in me ever like tatto

54. My daily prayer is to You
Embodying truth Venkatesa
My daily worship is for You
Protecting all Your devotees.
You are my life, body and soul
My prop and guide, God Sri Hari
You care for my good future entire Ever remain in my heart Murari
In softness like butter, unparalelled
You are, Your teachings follow
In love for all, saint or sinner unequalled
You are, no more births for me allow

Your presence dispels darkness
Adrift in the flood of sacredness
I seek Your feet to embrace them,
The very sight of You is excitement
I sing praising Your virtues
Craving for Your affection in life and values.

- 55. Venkatesa is not on the mount alone
  He is here, there, everywhere known, unknown!
  He is SAGUNA having concrete form
  He is NIRGUNA pervading all sans form.
  He showers His grace being benign
  It is our fortune, He is so divine
  He is in us all in forms diverse
  He is present in the sky and the stars.
  He is cool in the moon, in the sun so hot
  In air or fire, He is and in my thought...
  He keeps us deep in angelic grace
  Showing miracles to see His place
- 56. The more I see You Paramatma
  The more I wish to see You The more I write about You Purushottama,
  The more I thrive to write about You.

The more I sing the more is the urge to sing The more the urge the deeper goes my thinking, The more I think of You the more I involve Around You all my thoughts revolve.

And then my world greatly changes
Lost for myself I go deep into Your ways
Then my heart with Your attraction fills
My mind roams among Your Hills!

At Your feet at length it falls
All the world seems to be false.
You've pulled me up - I thank You
You've dipped me in love - I thank You
To have bound in Your vision, is my luck
In Your grace let me sink unstuck
Your blessing is bliss
Thus no second I miss

57. Limitless joy and causeless dearness Bestow them, I know not how Venkatesa to You I pray Each and every day.

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Anger, greed, envy and the like
Sin, ego, lust and all I dislike
Let me be freed from them soon
With kind looks given to me as Your boon.
From Your Hill - top look at me
With Your looks ever check me.

Earthly desire has motive behind
Wordly joy is short - lived in mind
Earthly wish expects a return
Wordly joy fades with no concern
Hence I pray for freedom
Into me bring Your kingdom

58. What can I offer You?
What can I say to You?
More than dropping a tear;
In gratitude O! Sridhar?

I know how much You care for me I know all that You've given me

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Asked for or not - You know all I need Prayed for or not - You know all I heed.

I can't forget that I remember that

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To the sun for his light what can I give?

To the full moon at night what can I give?

To the pleasant breeze what can I offer?

To the earth I stand on, what can I offer?

Let me be a flower

To Your feet to offer

If You make me rich I can give You money
If You keep me strong I will serve many
If You shower affection, I spread it to all
If You show miracles, I'll tell one and all
Both my hands I raise

I shall sing in praise

59. This is the Golden Temple
Balaji's olden temple
Going therein is one's own lot
As it is a highly holy spot
Feel the divine trance
Drive the evil hence -

It's like a golden swan against the sky
It's glaze in light to see, You try
In us stronger becomes the faith
Feel the freshness in the breath,
Discern the blazing beauty
With all its tempting piety

The towering edifice catches our eye As we in the yard that way pass by.

Look at the golden KALASAS atop
Their memory strong in us we keep
Feel the lord's grace
At that sacred place

60. Venkatesa! You pervade the nature You filled with love every creature I see love everywhere Which all things share;

The bees buzz with unseen love
The blooms smile with silent love
The waves dance with rising love
The surf opens its heart of love
Love lightens heart
Love heightens art.

The brook gurgles with foaming love
The breeze blows with cooling love
The birds warble in sounds of love
Falling rain drop dances with love
See with poetic heart
Other comments apart.

The stars show love in twinkling
The moon shows love in shining
The grass spreads its leaves of love
The dew drop shows its pearl of love
It's the pulse of love
It's the trail of love.

61. You are SATH, You are CHITH, Venkatesa! You are ANANDA, Srinivasa -

In toto You're SATCHITANANDA
I pray to You, grant me peace Govinda.....

Joy is everywhere on earth It takes its lasting berth. Bliss in life is but Your boon It never departs so soon

On leaps and bounds it floods Like an angel's veil it hoods, Far beyond our thought can go It surges at once never slow.

Joy comes ne'er by endeavour You are ever its free giver It shows no sign ere it comes In full our bosom it fills

62. The concrete and the abstract on You are The eternal and the omniscient You are I surrender, I surrender ....

The soul of all, the divine Soul You are Venkatesa the smiling God of gods You are I surrender, I surrender ....

Assurance-giver, confidence-builder You are Killer of giants, saviour of great You are I surrender, I surrender ....

Embodiment of OM, loving all You are Omnipresent, Providence, Guard You are I surrender, I surrender ....

Ocean of mercy and Lord of heaven You are Srinivasa, Creator and Destroyer You are I surrender, I surrender ....

63. I reap what I sow
Things happen as I go
I follow this as a rule
Else I will be a fool,
Guide me Govinda
Urge me Mukunda -

Trust leads to devotion
Spiritual emotion
God helps those who trust
So I do as a must
Help me Venkatesa
Save me Sriniyasa

God of heaven, Kesava! Lord supreme Madhava! You, I see, as Almighty To You I pray divinity Your grace I seek Your MURTHY I keep

You can change my destiny!
You can quell my agony
As I pray for my future
Lead me to a new pasture
You are that You are
All in all You are

64. Where do creatures go after death?
Where do You take them from earth?
Is death elsewhere another birth?
To give those parents all the mirth?
You know it Venkatesa
Can You deny in this case?

What is soul that's in every creature?
Is it the sole one in any creature
Though the corpse is for worms or vultures
If not burnt but left in sepulchres?
You are with the secret
I am at the wicket.

"Birth and death" - is this cycle endless?
Is birth here as a 'must' helpless?
So also is death no less?
Of sinners is that a weakness?
You can give the answer
Do us something better

65. Let the people realise Venkatesa
And open their eyes for truth as ace
For one and all to rejoice
Singing loudly raising voice.
God You are for us
All You are for us

Between man and man let there be affection;
Tween heart and heart a flower of oneness
Commonweal of people we expect
Common good of religions we respect
See to it Murari
That all are happy Hari

Let all people become one As You are in every one. Didn't You bring all under the Hill? Every heart with goodness You fill, Heaven on earth we see All happy will be. 66. I greet You in my heart
I pray, let me be in Your heart
I am full of confidence
I believe You are providence
Manga Srinivasa!
Lakshmi Venkatesa!

Let my faith be strong in You
Let my bond be so with You
That's my desire firm to keep
And cherish at all times deep
Let it be ever new
Let it be so to view

Asleep or awake I should feel Your presence and kneel Before Your great form inside Chanting Your name aside That's my prayer always That way let me rise -

67. O! Manga, Divine Mother
Break our ties of grief ever
If You see it's enough
We'll be free from doubts tough.

If You smile diamonds rain
From Your palm assurance we gain
Problems vanish
So too anguish

With Your kind looks You banish Worries Your DARSHAN is our wish

Mind becomes calm At that right time

Kindly show us Your miracles Give divine experiences Let us open eyes Only for Your praise

At Your feet are islands of peace Beyond our knowledge to place Your's is divinity Our's is affinity.

68. Manga mother! You are the eternal truth
And I am of earthly worth
Spread Your mercy to me
Pass Your grand grace to me

You are the sap of sacredness Peerless You are, graceful goddess Light and hope of human race Sink affliction unseen to trace

You are the Devi in silken robes Creator of the stars and globes Without and equal in goodness Lightning in my inner darkness

From Your bosom of carefulness now To me with profusely great love Extend Your helping hand And lift me up as here I stand -

69. Paramatma swamy Purushottama hear

In Your heaven You are Be near me; banish fear

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You cause affection for no reason You give joy without pause I trust You are all in all. I am at Your beck and call

High on a pedestal You sit To be at Your feet I'm fit You alone can give redemption You, in me, can cause devotion

To erase the differences in us
To uphold preferences for us
You're the power, strength and serenity
I praise and sing them for posterity

70. I welcome You Hari and SiriInto my little heartUse my voice as Yours to speakLet all Your thoughts through me break

My corporal frame as Yours, You treat Lead my life as You like so meet YES or NO to You, who am I to say? All that is mine is Yours, I say.

I am not and nothing is mine Smash that 'I' and make me thine Then use this machine for Your ends And the result, on You depends.

Keep me as Your serving robot You are the ONE who makes it go I am titular, You are the owner I serve You e'er with pleasure.

71. Whatever goes on, in me Venkatesa You are behind all that Srinivasa;
You are the driving force
Yours is the inward grace

If I perceive, the cause inside is You Eyes are jellies sans the hand of You, I hear not because of my ears
The power inside is Yours

If You don't stay in me, mouth is useless
To speak and produce any sound flawless
I will move the tongue and lips
You're behind the sound that grips

If the soft touch of bloom or breeze I feel
It is Your divine presence at the wheel
It's not the nose which feels the scent
It's You inside who gives the hint

The heart beats and the lungs function
Air is breathed in and breathed out in action
All functions in me go on
Because of You in me anon

72. OM NAMO VENKATESAYA
OM NAMO VENKATESAYA
Chant this powerful spell
Over and over again well

'I' throws light on all our future All Your sins vanish by nature Whoever be your God, it corresponds Whatever be the name, it responds -

For loving God call Him as you will Prayer for His grace is the self same spell God is SATH, CHITH and ANANDA He is Truth and SATHCHITANANDA

Chant the spell at dawn, it gives solace; Chant it at dusk, it gives you all peace; Chant it at bed-time, You'll have sleep of peace; Chant it all your life, it gives in heaven a place.

73. Venkatesa, I wonder at the beauty
Of Your creation with a variety
Anything is a wonder
It has inside an order

All the years I was like a frog In the well, a static log -Outside world was shut Only to be as naught

My senses were like a monkey!

Jumping from tree to tree

Now I know their fault

I, therefore, make a halt

It's all Merlin's world of wonders
To make me know my blunders,
My thoughts place a ladder
To the stellar order

Flowing burns and blowing breeze
Tender leaves and slender straws
All seem to accost me
As I stand there to see

Buds on boughs and blooms of hues Buzzing bees and wings on trees They all surprise me Wide-eyed they keep me

Speeding clouds and hiding hills Roaring thunders, lightning thrills They keep me astounding As I remain gazing.

74. Pray to Venkatesa, keeping Him at heart Trusting Him as God of all, Your resort This is always good for You That will ever direct You -

You and I-If we stay as south and north Life for us will be full of struggle You and I-If we stay like truth and worth Life for us will be a happy whistle.

Thine is thine, mine is mine God and faith, caste and creed to shine So too any place anywhere at last-That's all past let it be lost

God is one, so is His creation one Fire is one, air is one, sky also is one All the world is one, all always are fine Claim nothing, all is ours thine or mine With forgiveness, the flag on the chariot Love and joy as wheels of the chariot, That will take you to the zenith of bliss Let us all pray to please Him ne'er miss.

75. Venkatesa's grace is boundless
Alamelu Manga's pityness is endless
In grace and mercy they are equal
No one else do exist like them

Peaceful life their blessings bring With an insight into things It makes us look deeply within And takes us away from sin

They care not for caste or religion And also for land or region They like us for our affection and bonds In serving them our surrender stands

By their power they enrich us
By their grace we live with purpose
Their grace touches us all fully
They change the world for good slowly.

76. Brahma, Vishnu, Siva have a mission
And for that all the three are ever one
To create, maintain and at length destroy
They stand - to differ they never try
All the birds or the beasts are of one class
Trees are green, so are the plants and grass
Clouds join hands for us to rain
River become one in sea again

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Languages to express thoughts are one All countries on the globe are one Let man and man join hands to be one For the welfare of all let good be done One lamp lights another for more light All the colours seven are one white light A,U,M - all in sacred OM are one So also Truth, Beauty and God are one -

Let all become one; let all be happy Let all the worlds thereby be happy Let there be everywhere peace, peace Venkatesa, let it be so by Your grace

77. You are Govinda You are Mukunda O! Srinivasa Sri Venkatesa

> Full of affection, Your looks Hold my heart like hooks I forget myself As in dream myself

With one hand You show At Your feet to bow, The other at the waist Promises safesty best.

> With the sovereigns gold You show us to leave hold On our wealth and feel You'11 save us and help

That crown on Your crown Like that Govardhan, Makes all our fears dead All our hopes shielded

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TILAK on the brow Makes our evil go And our virtues grow To lead our life so.

78. Let's all trust Venkatesa Let's worship Him all days He is Paramatma! He is Parabrahma!

> Let us climb the Hill Let us feel the thrill To the Hilltop let's go In the temple let's bow -

At heart let's trust Him well Think of Him and others, tell That will lead to the goal That will pay sins as toll

> We don't know when we die To our people bid good-bye; Help the helpless all your life To get divine grace in brief

God is not the sour grapes He will fulfil all your hopes He will do you all He plans As you deserve, at a glance

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I follow You Venkatesa

This body is all Yours Let my thoughts be too Yours Let my deeds be for You And all my lyrics too

Serving others I rise Spiritually it ties; Me in service to You That's prayer to You

> With a good aim I strive For Your grace and revive I don't mind if I fall-Waves rise though they fall

80. In Your smile O Venkatesa!
You shower blessings always
A candle flame is very small
But its light is big to call.
So is Your grace though too little
My heart with much peace I fill
With great relief I shed fear
With gratitude I stand near.
In Your silence a divine call
In thought of You a pleasant call
I hear and see in Your face the moon
Be pleased soon to give me a boon

81. O! the feeling of gratitude—
It never dies in magnitude—
To You for Your blessings Venkatesa
To You Alamelu mother for Your grace
You gave me enough of good life
You gave me health to help myself
My mind is healthy to think right
You've strengthened my hand to write
You make my thoughts hover round You
By Your thousand names to praise You
Thought is Yours, You are the agent
I am but Your writing instrument
I write as You direct from within
You write through me and sink my sin

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82. Venkatesa, why do You play
With us Your creatures of clay?
You stage Your play on this earth
Which for us is nothing worth

When did You send me here? When do You call me there? How many times was I born? How many times was I torn?

We come here only to act
Our part everyday in fact
Where do You take us at the end?
As God, You know it since You send

Wife, husband and children all, Gold, house or land will one day fall None is ours to claim at all When we must obey Your call

Anger, hatred and the like Play their role to sin alike For this sort of life on earth Should we have many a birth?

83. What is truth and what in untruth?

What are light and darkness for sooth?

What is action? What is inaction?

What's creation? What's destruction?

What's short - lived? What's eternal?

What's vice and What's virtue to call?

What is present, future or past?

What's time and its root to last?

What are the known and the unknown?

What is the whole and the part to ken?

What is birth? What is death indeed?

What's the beginning and the end?

Who is the doer? What is the deed?

What's reason and the result led?

All are Almighty Hari Here, there, anywhere is He He is all in all the only One All are but His ways done He is Venkatesa as well He is Srinivasa to tell

84. Air and fire, You are Govinda Earth and sky, You are Madhava

All Creation You are You pervade all nature

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Doubtless, You are Paramatma Staying in us as Jeevatma You are in the plants and trees You are in the flowers and bees You are in Your creation You are all Your creation

In the twinkling stars You are In the galaxies You are You are in the shining moon You are in the blazing sun All the nature You are, You are You are all Your nature sure

In the mounds and mounts You are
In the hay and bay You are
In all the nook and corners You are
And all the unknown worlds You are
Seen or unseen all You are
Thought and mind, both You are

85. I have heard Your wondrous stories
And about Your credible miracles
Srinivasa and divine Alamelu mother
I prostrate to both of You
My topless towers of bliss You are
Concrete and sacred forms You are
You efface my woe, boost up weal
You are my God, Your grace I feel.
Rising waves of good with no end

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You showed me what I am indeed Showed my flaws and fulfilled desires

Putting life on a new track nice

You stand as form of goodness

I greet You in my ignorance,

There You stay for guidence within

For my thought and deed to begin

Thoughts of You in me are vista

Chant of Your name leads to MOKSHA

Use me as Your slave for sure

Keep me on the way to Your door

86. God of gods, You create and protectLet me place fragrant blooms on Your feet.
Most sacred are Your feet to muse
Bouquet of goodness and virtues
The most divine for my worship
To harbour my hopes without trip.
You are the Most High to rule
Worshipped by many for weal.
Root of Time, presence in all
Hard for divination to call
Honeyed heart of unearthly bloom
Cause of rapture, dispel my gloom
Venkatesa, wash me of all bad
As the Truth and root of all good,

87. Let my hut be on Your meadow Let my days pass in Your shadow

Under the shower of Your pity

From the golden throne of Your city

Shoot down envy, the dragon in me
Displant hatred with its roots in me
Burn to ashes worldly desires in me.
Punish the pretender in me
Sink the ship of lust in me
Hang the angry rogue in me
The rising hood of pride You cut
Let the living ego breathe its last
Let Your grace be showered, Venkatesa
And Your grace glow in me all days
Let my bond with You never break
Let my devotion for You be awake
This is ever my prayer to You
To rule me with all Your grace due

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88. Take me into a motionless, state and still Let all my thoughts stop, mind become nil -Let me be like an inanimate stone Aware of nothing around and of none And my mind not sliding into past Nor soaring into future to rest But be like a frozen sea of present Venkatesa! be with me for ascent To the state of a dim wonderful star Lost for myself to stay asunder Eyes closed or open, perceiving none But You in me with veneration. Keep me in a state that we're one Make me feel that I am but one Breathing machine With the heart's a flesh mass

89. A creeper without flowers I am
A flower fallen to the ground I am
Without the mercy of Venkatesa
I miss you Srinivasa!

A flute with chinks and no sound I am
A drum with the leather torn I am
Sans the favour of Paramatma
Sans the grace of Ramana

A withered garland, a rotten fruit I am A dry river, a fallen tree I am Without the grace of Govinda Without the kindness of Mukunda.

An expiring taper, a lame peacock I am A white swan with broken wing I am A field with the harvest ruined I am If Murari's grace is lacking If Narahari's mercy is missing

90. My life is a weary way
Across the vast desert away
There's none in view as hope alas!
But my shadow Venkatesa
None is seen there to help me walk
Climbing dunes I slide down back Slipping into pits in that clime
I stand blinded in the sand storm,
Surrendering to the whirl wind
Which throws me strongly on the sand
Seeing a mirage of hope I go
Only to find no water but woe;

With parched throat and sun - burnt face
Waiting for hope of divine grace
To quench my spiritual thirst
Prayer to You Venkatesa at last
Is my oasis to refresh
That is my solace and my wish
Let me be united to You
And be under Your warm wing anew.

91. God on earth close to my heart
Is Venkatesa I assert
For us He reigns with affinity
He showers pity in infinity

He's the Sire of all the worlds The Ruler of all He holds He's behind our worldly life The witness to our sinful grief

He's the lightening in the clouds of sin In life's compass He is at N
He is the cause and action, know
All good and virtues from Him flow -

He can pacify affliction
He can give us salvation
He stands by us always unseen
God of miracles of His own

He alone can give relief He is all in all in brief He's of all wonders, the wonder! Of all our sins, He's the mender

Every day is spring's off-spring fine

- He saves us if there's firm belief Else You drop down like a leaf Sans that, life is all a waste Of all days passing in haste
- 92. Let Your grace inundate my days To pull me to You Venkatesa. Neck-deep in vices, I remain Vanquished in my life's domain. End this life of endless desires Extending like forest fires SAGUNA BRAHMA, assuring Us with the right hand, sprinkling Grace through the eyes - I Prostrate At You feet to indicate That they are my heaven of peace The right way in my life of trace; Let me remain there as a rose Dew-washed tickled by their touch close Let me feel that as my goal The cherished desire of this soul
- 93. My life's like a flowery path
  In You, Venkatesa, with my faith
  Let it unroll itself happily
  And the fruits of faith ripen slowly,
  I know not of my past birth
  Now You've made me happy on earth
  Venkatesa! it is enough now
  'No more births,' I pray with a bow
  Let me lead my days fresh as dawn

94. Desert me not in my grief
Srinivasa! rescue me in my fear
You are on the Hill-top; here I stay
But let not my life be dry hay

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You are Providence and my God I am Your creation on earth odd - Come down all Your Hills Seven And be with me though not seen

You are God for all, good and great Take care of me, my Lord, I entreat I surrender to You completely This I do with trust discretely.

I am Your adoring faithful slave Always chanting Your name, to save Me, drinking the nectar of Your grace I surrender for benevolence.

You are the cause and creator of all And Protector of evil, From birth to birth let me come closer To You to have no birth at all

95. God of grace and mercy, You are
God of wealth and power You are
God for knowledge and wisdom You are
To punish or reward, able You are
Venkatesa I adore You
Srinivasa I prostrate before You.

God for clemency You are
God for benevolence You are
God to protect You are,
God to give salvation You are
I worship You, Paramatma
I pray to You Parandhama

God of creation You are
God for well-being You are
God of all the worlds You are
God of the Seven Hills You are
All are but Your godly ways
I pray for grace all my days

96. Fear fear fear Life is full of fear Do not shed a tear Hari's grace is here

> Wife and husband break their bonds Pull us away from such worldly trends Your own people ill-treat You Parents' love may be due...

Peace of mind may be shattered Habits lead us to ends tattered Ailments render us hopeless Penury makes our life a mess...

> All hopes fade, life loses colour All days pass with no flavour Life becomes a rudderless boat Suicide shows no gate of note..

(Repeat stanga I at the end of stanga II, III, IV)

97. Don't we come, don't we stand When we see Your assuring hand? Venkatesa! can we be still When Your songs our hearts fill?

> Like a mother's love You shower everything on us; Welcome sign we see in You To receive the grace in view

Touching Your feet in much To derive a thrill such -Along the spine for heavenly bliss Shedding woe ever to bless

Ego snubbed to silence In the crate of our sense, In the dream of wonderous ease We drink care-free life to the last.

98. The Supreme and the Highest! Venkatesa is the kindest of all He alone can end our grief Seek His help with belief

> For birth and KARMA He's the cause For age and death He is the cause To run the world He's at the root For Heavenly bliss He is the route

For mental peace He is the source For light of wisdom He is the force Road to renown and dear He is Eternal witness ever He is To us He is near and dear To the depressed the boon-giver Killer of our ego He is The light and its source He is

99. Dheem dheem dheem Play many a drum,

Now You sing now You dance Observe the divine glance It is that of Srinivasa It is that of Venkatesa

Let blissful voices rise To reach devotional skies Let move the feather-light feet The peaks of rhythm to meet.

Let hearts see the kindly light In all it's blazing might Let morning smile in mind Leaving all the sins behind

Let happiness spread its wing In all full peace to bring Let us all feel the Lord's grace Lost as if in mystic trance

100.My heart is like a tiny boat On still waters keep in afloat This is my request Venkatesa This I entreat You Srinivasa

> Let not the spate of life drown the hull Let not life's tempest smash the gull

Let no winds of sin sway it And then tear the sails of it

On the banks are things hard to resist If it stops there is none to assist, Lust and the rest have laid a trap Take care of the boat as the prop

It may be to You a paper boat
But to me it is a thing of note;
If drowned it comes not out my Lord
Make it reach the goal not hard

101. Venkatesa, Your feet are lotuses Of bliss for us, the hovering bees

> Shade of protection they are, Springs of clemency they are, Source of goodness they are, Destroyers of sin they are.

Rulers of our hearts are they Taking care of us they do They shine in us in golden hue Splendid means of rapture new

> Ambrosial in nature Holy as the Ganges they are Breeze of inward peace are they Pleasing like the moon are they

102.Let my life's cart go
With You God at heart
On Your mercy's way
Venkatesa all day.

Let the way be smooth And plain too in sooth With no burn to cross Or hedges across

Let there be no dale; Hills or mounds to scale Drive it straight but slow Without winds which throw

> Let no rain stop it Let no hails smash it, Delicate as glass, I can't meet the loss.

Let there be slow breeze Let no hurdles tease Thoughts of You as whip Drive it sans a slip

103.He can, by word, create a world He fills Himself in that world -Who is He? Can you guess? He is Venkatesa, yes ....

> With pity He stops our tears With His smile He removes fears -Who is He? Can you guess? He is Srinivasa, yes ....

He makes us laugh happily He shields the good heartily -Who can He be? Please guess He is none but Venkatesa .... To our prayers He listens dearly His grace He gives clearly -Who can He be? Yes, He is Srinivasa ....

He does miracles for our belief He gives us MUKTI after life Who else can He be if not Venkatesa Yes, Yes, He is God, Venkatesa ....

104. There is for you a costly gift
You will be happy if You get it.
What's that? What's that? - You wonder
It's the divine grace you prefer

You can't tempt it with money Your egotism can't get any You can never get it by force Surrender, it comes at once

"Repent for Your sins", it says No more sinful deeds it says "Wash the bad in you," it tells On good in you it stresses

"Venkatesa is the God", it says
"He is ever for You", it says,
"Pray to Him with devotion"
"Give up yourself with caution"

Keep with pity at heart Venkatesa Let your bond with Him grow, it says Spend your life to serve Him, all days Then alone you can have it always. 105.Let my crest touch Your feet Venkatesa! Let bad in me be buried Srinivasa -Let my tears wash Your sacred foot, Let Your kindness touch me to the root.

Let all my sins fly away like birds Let all my vices be driven like herds Let all my bonds of births be broken And all my evil thoughts, soon weaken

Let the bad of my past be washed away Let morning freshness of life come to play And the rising rays of east smile high And active twitters fill the serene sky

Let the weight of the life be removed slowly Let me rise to fly like a bird quickly Higher to Your world for grace in the sky And race to Your place of no care nigh

106.It's a show of pearls, when Mother Manga smiles It's a rainbow on earth when She smiles It's vernal pomp, when Alamelu Mangamma smiles It's a stellar dance, when She smiles.

NANDANAVANA, Her smile evinces Moonlight rays of light Her smile expresses A shower of dancing delight is Her smile A rain of differnt gems is Her smile.

Stairs to the seventh heaven is Her smile Path to Land of God is Her smile The waves of milky sea are Her smiles The lightenings in the sky show Her smile. It is the petals of the blissful blooms - It's the wealth of happy dreams,
It is the endless peace of frozen wave.

107.Tell me tell me tell me How much You pity me Let me know You tell me How much You bless me

> Tell me Venkatesa! Tell me Srinivasa!

The beauty of blooms I can describe The soft touch of breeze I can describe Your kripa is endless, colourless and shapeless How can I, my God, in words express?

The sky is so blue - that I can tell
The stars shine so much - that I can tell
Your affection so silent and so soothing
How can I, express my God,
In words, which are quite pleasing

108.God is Beauty and Beauty God -The truth is evident in You I plead O! Heavenly Mangamma Our dear mother Padmamma

You are the Goddess presiding From Your world there descending Eternal and maternal blessings You have for me, ever I bow, before you

You are for me always with grace abundant You as Jaganmata ne'er leave me ill How can I express my deep debt Of gratitude How should I owe for that?

A bouquet of virtues You are My clement Goddess always You are A soft - petalled lotus You are I prostrate to You a thousand times o'er

Day or night, asleep or awake I feel I live by Your observence in full Keep me happy all my life Never let me down on fate's knife

109. The wheel of DHARMA is rotating Everywhere on earth for our good living

It's like the SUDARSHAN, Vishnu's wheel It's all for peaceful life and commonweal It is for setting all things aright It is never for preaching to fight

It is for giving light in darkness
It is for relief from troublesome days/things?
If trusted it comes very near
To remove stress, strain and fear -

For sinners it is a source of solace For those with grief it is only peace Changing the mind it does all the good For sinking enemity, gives the mood

110. Your temple I have entered;
Before You here I stand pinned
You are human form of sympathy
I prostrate to Your form.

Saviour of devotees, O! Almighty! Beyond imagination a beauty You alone are my guiding light To You I prostrate for Your sight

Before You, my present pays At Your feet my future stays You are the time and root of all In the sky, the world and allfg

Part is You, so too the whole Nature is You, You are the goal OM is You, so also its sound To You ever let me be bound

Nothing without You there is What You are not, not there is All is only You and You alone King of all the worlds, You own

111. When does the curtain fall on the stage
And the drama of life end in amazement
When does my soul beat its wings?
To Your world of peace when it sings....

You've roused hope in me for enjoyment Which is salvation normally meant If I fail to achieve it as I expect I am no better than a beast in fact

Ego in me never dies nor leaves -It is a sea of rising angry waves When does it die and the heart flower? In vain to live without timely shower Ages have gone with no end to birth As wages of sin for its leading worth Why do You play with me like a puppet? Take me away do not play like that....

112. You are the world's spiritual goal So I feel, at present in life's goal Hence I worship You from dawn Never at any time let me drown

Don't think of reasons at all Sever me not to scatter and fall, Shower Your blessings on me MOKSHA at last please give me

Mind is kept far from knowledge By mystic curtains - I don't budge Eyes are covered with gloomy lids To bar them from truth which slides;

Dip me in Your faith to yield And from distractions to shield Give me strength and stamina To worship You e'er lost in awe

113. Between You and me lies a heavy curtain If You lift it for me, Truth is certain Why do You keep, it Paramatma? Is that Your MAYA Parabrahma?

I cannot see You but to think of You They say that You are everywhere, true? Eyes are camera lenses They can't show You to my senses.... I know not the truth, let me know it well I crave for that; things remain pell - mell Let not my hopes become my dupes Let me see, Venkatesa, at least by steps.

Let my mind's eye be really open To see You in me not at all in vain, Take me to that state that I am Brahman Leave me there, to attain ANANDA.

114.Life's journey is ending The goal, not knowing.

I've stopped here on the way Across the sands of life's sway -Looking back, I saw foot prints To know whose nothing hints,

Mine or Yours, You know well O Divine Venkatesa You can tell All the ups and downs I know On the endless dunes to go.

I failed to climb up the Hill Of hope when by Your good will And grace I stand with caution On the Hill of devotion

I see the real sunrise Of Your blesses and become wise To leave myself to Your care And in life well to fare.

My goal You know Venkatesa My end You know and in my case

Let this be my prayer In my own manner -	GLOSSAR		OSSARY
"Let me ever remain As Your foot - prints fine On the sands of Time	Alamelu or Almelu	:	A Consort of Lord Venkatesa Also called Padmavati
Like a happy dream". 115.Namaskaromi Alamelu Manga	Ananda	:	Ectasy, personification of it God as the source of it
Namaskaromi Adameta Wanga Namaskaromi Govinda My prostations to both of You	Ananta	:	All - pervasive God
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To Venkatadri I prostrate To the golden GOPURAM	Balaji	:	Venkatesa
To the KALASAS	Brahma	:	God of creation, Brahman
To God on earth To the studded crown gems To the same and the wheel	Brahman	:	Parabrahman, all pervasive divinity
To the conch and the wheel  To the ornaments			C
To the daily SEVAS To the divinity	Chit	:	Abstract, God as that
To the divinity  To His devotees I prostrate			D
For freedom from vices From grief and from ties	Darshan	:	Seeing great people or God or Goddess in the temple.
May you please lift me up	Devi	:	Goddess
To cross the mudane world With pace and ease.	Dharma	:	Righteousness under lying the law or The law itself.
			G
	Govinda	:	Venkatesa, Lord Krishna
	Gopuram	:	Tower at the entrance

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Govardhan  : The Hill which lord Krishna lifted and balanced on little finger to protect people and the cows  Geeta  : Teaching of Krishna to Arjuna on the battle - field of Kurukshetra  H  Harati  : Piece of camphor put in a plate or so and burnt in temples before the deity or at home before the idols or pictures to draw divine requirements.    Karma   Image: doing or its result
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pictures to draw divine  pictures to draw divine  heaven; having no rebirth
power into it  Mukunda : Vishnu i.e., Venkatesa
Hari : Lord Vishnu  Hundi : In temples a sealed container  Mukti : Moksha or spiritual freedom  in temples a sealed container
Hundi : In temples a sealed container with a slit to drop coins etc.,  Murti : Form idol
given to diety. N
J Namam : the white U mark on the forehead : Mother of universe,i.e.,
Goddess here, Same as Namo : Folding both hands together to indicate respect or surrender
Kaliyuga : The present age Nandakam : Vishnu's [Venkatesa] sword
Kalasas : Vessels used during worship Nandanavana : Garden in heaven
or fixed on the top of the Nirguna : Abstract, Formless

	0	Sire	: Father, in the sense protector,
OM	: Sacred sound as pronunced		God
	or the letter itself in Sanskrit and Telugu	Siva	: One among the Trinity Who destroyes
Paradise	<ul><li>P</li><li>Park of flowers and plants</li></ul>	Sridhar	: Vishnu, Venkatesa keeping consort on His bosom
i diddisc	and fruit trees; place of	Srinivasa	: Same as Sridhar
	happiness	Sudarshan	: Vishnu's (Venkatesa) weapon,
Paramatma	: Universal soul		a wheel with teeth
	God Venkatesa or Vishnu	SUI GENERIS	: (L) Unique
Parandhama	: God of heaven i.e., Vishnu		T
Puja	: Worship	Tilak	: Black must mark on the
Purushottam	: Vishnu or Venkatesa		forehead
Pushkarini	: The holy Pond near the		${f U}$
	temple on Venkatadri	Utsavas	: Celebrations
	R		${f V}$
Raksha	: Safety, that which saves	Vishnu	: Form of Venkatesa with 4
Ramana	: Venkatesa		hands with weapons - Conch (Panchajanyam) toothed
	$\mathbf{S}$		wheel (Sudarshan) club and
Saguna	: Concrete, having a form		sword, (Nandakam)
Sachidananda	: Concerete, abstract and	Venkatesa	: Same as Vishnu
	rapture in one	Vedas	: 4 Holy religions books of the
Saguna Brahma	: Abstract, God taking a form		Hindus
Sath	: Sacred form, physical	Venkatadri	: Mount Venkata by name on
Sevas	: Celebrations, religious services		which the temple for Venkatesa stands