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1. IF I DO NOT REMAIN TRUE TO YOU...

If I do not remain true to you, Srila Prabhupada,
I'll lose everything that I spiritually gained.
Then my heart will become hard as thunder,
And my consciousness will become eternally maimed.

With a little knowledge about the spiritual sky,
I'll think myself to be a liberated soul.
Not knowing that I am just a conceited fool,
I'll forget forever my ultimate goal.

Lust, greed, anger and other vices,
With their incredible force will invade my heart.
Soldiers of Maya, enemy of Krishna,
They will mercilessly tear my consciousness apart.

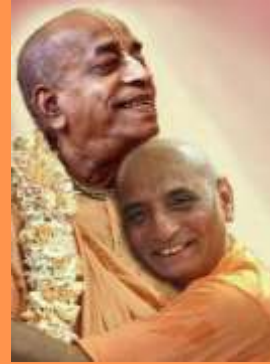
I'll fall out of your grace, which flooded the earth,
With love of Krishna the most magnanimous gift.
An unfortunate soul, not knowing my goal,
In an ocean of suffering I'll drift.

If I do not remain true to you, Srila Prabhupada,
I'll want to occupy the seat you adorn.
Knowing not how to struggle for Krishna,
In the abyss of anguish I'll be thrown.

Forgetting that I am your eternal servant,
I'll try to lord over everything that I see,
Lost as I am since time immemorial,
In the dismal world of agony.

Thinking you to be an ordinary soul,
I'll try like a clown to imitate you.
Seducing the souls that sincerely want Krishna,
I'll try to become a cheating guru.

Maya will offer me all that I want,
Wealth, women, name and fame.
Thinking that they are the result of my devotion,
I'll try to justify my deceptive claim.



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If I do not remain true to you, Srila Prabhupada,
I'll surround myself with a bunch of fools.
Thinking myself to be as great as you are,
I'll join one of those deviant schools.

Not recognizing my genuine friends,
Who criticize me when I do something wrong.
I'll stay with the ones who flatter me,
To make my position deceitfully strong.

Forgetting your glories as the Lord's chosen one,
I'll try to eclipse you, as Rahu does moon.
In my treacherous attempt to compete with you,
I'll become bereft of the Lord's greatest boon.

Maya then will offer me enough rope,
To hang myself with wealth and fame.
Smearing myself with the stool of pig,
I'll forget Krishna's Holy Name.

If I ever deviate from you, Srila Prabhupada,
Please bring me back to your lotus feet.
Now that I have realized the consequence,
Help me become free from Maya's deceit.

To follow your order is such an easy job,
And the reward is as high as the spiritual sky.
Four regulative principles and chanting of names,
Will take us back to Godhead when we die.

My will is weak and heart so impure,
But still I want to receive your grace.
My only hope is the blessings of the Vaisnavas,
And the blows from your divine mace.

Let me be with you wherever you are,
And serve you so that I can be
A speck of dust at your lotus feet
To regain my eternal identity.

Your most unworthy servant,
Bhakti Charu Swami.

2. SRILA PRABHUPADA APPRECIATION



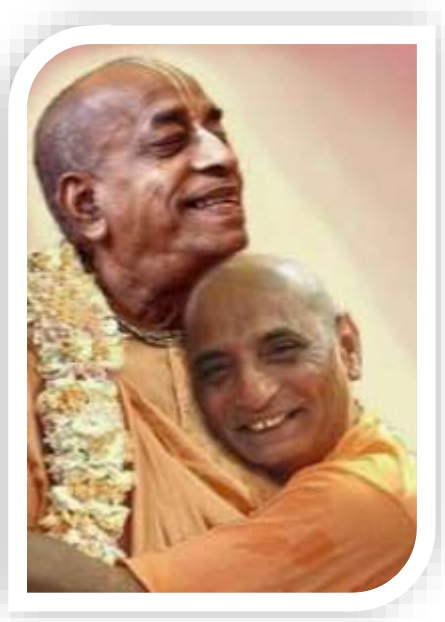
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