

Parvai Onre Podhume

Ragam: Surutti {28th mela Hari Kambodhi Janyam}

ARO: S R2 M1 P N2 D2 N2 S                   ||  
AVA: S N2 P M1 G3 P , M1 R2 S               ||

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**Pallavi:**

pArvai onDRE pOdumE- Sanga  
paduma nidhi iranDum valiya-t tandAl enna....(kaLLa) (kaNNan)

**anupallavi:**

kArmugil pOlanna kadirena madienna  
karuvizhi kaDalinai saTRE tiRandu  
karuNai mazhai pozhindren agam kuLira....(kaLLa)

**caraNam:**

annai yaSOdai aruginile SenRu  
veNNai tiruDi vanda vindai SollavO nAn  
annaiyin pinnE senRu aNaindukoNdE ninRu  
sollAdhE enRu kaNNAl solliDum....(kaLLa)

**Meaning:**

*Just one (onDRE) mischievous (kaLLa) glance (pArvai) from krishNa's eyes is more than enough (pOdumE) for me. It is worth more that the celestial treasures - Sankha and padma nidhIs [1] together. So what (enna) if these two (iraNDum) fantastic treasures (nidhi) of the conch (SaMkha) and the lotus (paduma) were forcefully (valiya) thrust on/given to (tandAl) me, I would still treasure a single glance from krishNa's (kaNNan) eyes so much more.*

*With a face (and dark curls) like (pOlanna) a dense black (kAr) cloud (mugil) and eyes that are so luminous that they make one wonder if they are the sun (kadirena) and the moon (madiena) [2] themselves, will you not open (tiRandu) those pools/ocean (kaDalinai) that are your dark (karu) eyes (vizhi) just a little bit (saTRE) and shower (pozhindru) a deluge (mazhai) of your compassion (karuNai) so that it warms (kuLira) [3] me to the depths of my (en) soul (agam)?*

*Should I (nAn) talk about/describe (SollavO) the amazing (vindai) event when little krishNa crept up/went (SenRu) beside (aruginile) his mother (annai) yaSOdA, and stole (tiruDi) butter (veNNai) from right under her nose and ate (uNDa) it, or should I describe the situation when krishNA, having stolen the butter, very boldly walked (SenRu) and stood (ninRu) behind (pinnE) his mother (annaiyin), embraced her (aNaindukoNDE), and pleaded with his eyes (kaNNAl SolliDum) with me to not tell (SollAdE enRu) her about it?*

**FOOTNOTES**

[1] These nidhIs/celestial treasures are supposed to be acquired by pious individuals after years of penance, good works, and godly living (or by planting, nurturing and praying to a tuLasi plant).

[2] Sri OVK is comparing krishNa's face, adorned by dark curls, to the cloud-laden sky illuminated by the sun as well as the moon: to his enemies he is blindingly scorching as the sun, while to his devotees he is as 'cool' as the moon (AnDAL has used a similar analogy in the tiruppAvai, when she describes krishNa's face as 'kadir madiyan pOl mug(kh)attAn'); and since Sri OVK pre-dated the trinity, probably the first to use this analogy which has been liberally used by Sri Tyagaraja.

[3] 'kuLira' literally means make 'cold', but in this context, it means, to 'horripilate', or (paradoxically) 'to warm'.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
;; ; R	P M -M ;	M G R G	S -R P M	P ; ; ;	; ; ; ;	; ; ; ;	; ; ; ;
- - - pA	- rvai on	DRE - - -	- pO - du	mE- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
;; ; R	P M -; M	M G R G	S -R P M	P ; ; ;	; ; R M P ; ; ;	; ; R M P ; ; ;	R M
- - - pA	- rvai - on	DRE - - -	- pO - du	mE- - -	-- kaN - nan	- - -	kaL -
P ; nd-pmM ; M -; M	M G R G	S -R P M	P ; ; ;	; ; R M P ; ; ;	; ; R M P , n	,r M P , n	
La- - pA - rvai - on	DRE - - -	- pO - du	mE- - -	-- kaN - nan	- - -	kaL - - -	-
mp nsnD-pmM ; M -; M	M,p mgm	gs -R P M	P ; ; ;	; ; R M P ; ; ;	psnn pmmr ;		
La- - - pA - rvai - on	DRE - - -	- pO - du	mE- - -	-- kaN - nan	- - -	Shan—kha -	-

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;; ; - R	M P - N ;	N ; - ; nd	N ; S ;	; ; ; - N	S nn ; nd P ; ; ;	, r M P N
pa	duma ni-	dhi - i -	ran- Dum	--- va	li ya-t tan- dAl ---	en - da-
S RS - ns	rs- nd P -nd	pmM ,p - mgm	gs -R P M	P ; ; ;	; ; R M P ; ; ;	psnn pmmr ;
- - - pA	- rvai -- on	DRE - - -	- - - pO - du	mE- - -	-- kaN - nan	- - - Shan - kha -
R G S- R	M P - PN	N ; - ; nd	N ; nsR	S ; - sn	ns- nn ; nd P ; ; ;	R M P N
pa	duma ni-	dhi - i -	ran- Dum	--- va	li ya-t tan- dAl ---	en - da-
S RS - ns	rs- nd P -nd	pmM ,p - mgm	gs -R P M	P ; ; ;	; ; R M P ; ; ;	psnn pmmr ;
- - - pA	- rvai -- on	DRE - - -	- - - pO - du	mE- - -	-- kaN - nan	- - - Shan - kha -
R G S- R	M P - pnsnN;	N ; - ; nd	N ; nsrm	RS ; - sn	nrS- nn ; nd P ; ; ;	mgrs rmpn
pa	duma ni-	dhi - - i -	ran- Dum	--- va	li ya-t tan- dAl ---	en - da-
sr mgrs-ns	rs- nd mp-nd	pmM ; - mgm	gs -ns r P ,	mP-mgR, ; ; ; ;	; ; ; S ; ; ;	
- - - pA	- rvai -- on-	DRE - - -	- - - pO - du	mE- - -	- - -	- - -

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--- kAr - mugil - pOl - van—na- - - - ka di rena - madi - e -- nna-

; ; ; - N S - N N .d nsnd P ; psnd pmmr ; ; ; - M P S N ; ; S S ; S ,n S ; ||  
 --- kAr - mugil - pOl - van—na- - - - ka di rena - madi - e -- nna-

nsRS -N R -snN N ,d nsnd P ; psnd pmmr ; ; ; - M P S N ; ; S S ; S ,n S ; ||  
 --- kAr - mugil - pOl - van—na- - - - ka di rena - -madi - e -- nna-

nsrmrs -N R -snN N ,d nsnd pnmp- psnd pmmr; | ; ; - M P S N ; ; S S ; S ,n S ; ||  
--- kAr - mugil - pOl - - -- van—na- - - - ka di rena - -madi - e -- nna-

nsrmrs -N R -snN N ,d nsnd pnmp- ; rm psnd | pmmr ; - M P S N ; ; S S ; S ,n S ; ||  
- - - kAr - mugil - pOl - - -- van-- - na- - ka di re na - -madi - e -- nna-

*... will you not open (*tiRandu*) those pools/ocean (*kaDalinai*) that are your dark (*karu*) eyes (*vizhi*) just a little bit (*saTRE*) and shower (*pozhindu*) a deluge (*mazhai*) of your compassion (*karuNai*) so that it warms (*kuLira*) [3] me to the depths of my (*en*) soul (*agam*)?*

; n N N N N N N N ; NN; SS; R | N ns N - D P nd pmM M RM R S - RM P; ||  
 karu vizhi ka Dalinai - saTRE tiRan du karu-Nai ma zhai po zhin du den- agam kuLi ra

; n N n N N N N ; NN; S S; R | N ns N - D P nd pmM M RM R S - rmP rM, P ||  
 karu vizhi ka Dalinai - saTRE tiRan du karu-Nai ma zhai po zhin du den- agam kuLi --rum

; n N N N N N N N ; NN; SS; S | P S N - D P nd pmM M RM RS - RM P; ||  
karu yizhi ka Dalinai - saTRE tiRan du karu-Nai ma zhai po zhin du den- agam kuLi rum

; n N N N N N N N ; NN; SS; S | PS N - D P nd pm M M RM R S - RM P N ||  
karu yizhi ka Dalinai - saTRE tiRan du karu-Nai ma zhai po zhin du den- agam kuLi rum

1            2            3            4            5            6            7            8  
sr mg r s- ns rs- nd mp -nd pmM p - mgram gs -R P M| P : . : . : R M| P : . : . : nsppn pm

P.G.S., R. M.R., ppnN; N.; ind. N.; norm. RS; sp. pr. prS; pp.; nd. R.; +; mgrs. rmpn. ||

pa      dum a ni-      ahi - i -      ran- Dum      - - - va      li ya-t tan- dA! - - - en - da-

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
 ; ; - P S N ; - P P ; M P ; ; | ; P m-p ; - Nd - Pd pmM ; ; mgpm mgR ||  
 an - nai ya SO - - dai - - a - ru - gi - ni- IE - - - Sen - Ru

*... and stole (tiruDi) butter (veNNai) from right under her nose and ate (uNDa) it, ...*

; ; ; - R P M ; - M M , p mgR ; sR ; S | ; ; ; - R ; M - ; M P ; ppm P, s nNd ||  
 --- veN - Nai ti ru - Di - - van du vin dai Sol la- - - - vO-nAn-  
 P ; ; - P S N ; - P P ; ; M P ; ; ; | ; ; P m-p ; - Nd - mP;d pmM ; ; mgP.m mgR ||  
 an - nai ya SO - - dai --- a - ru - gi - ni- lE - - - Sen - Ru

; ; - R P M ; - M M , p mgR ; sR ; S | ; ; - R ; M - ; M P ; ; pmpm P, s nNd ||  
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*... or should I describe the situation when krishNA, having stolen the butter, very boldly walked (SenRu) and stood (ninRu) behind (pinnE) his mother (annaiyin), embraced her (aNaindukoNDE), ...*

P ; - N R snN ; nd P ; P ; nnM P ; | ; ; M P S - S ,n S ; ; ; S ,n S ; ||  
 an - nai yin pin- nE- sen- Ru a Naindu koN- dE - - - nin- Ru -

S ; - sn nr **snN** ; nd nsnd P ; nnM P ; | ; ; M P S - S ,n S ; ; ; S ,n S ; ||  
 an - nai yin pin-- nE- sen- Ru a Naindu koN- dE - - - nin- Ru -

S ; - sn nr **snN** ; nd nsnd P ; psnd **pmmr** ; | ; ; M P S - S ,n S ; ; ; S ,n N S ||  
 an - nai vin pin-- nE sen- Ru a Naindu koN- dE - - nin- Ru -

ns RS-sn nr snN ; nd nsnd pnmp rmmp pssn ; | pmmr ; - M P S - S , n S ; ; S , n N S ||  
 an - nai - vin pin-- nE- sen- Ru - - - - a Naindu koN dE - - - nin- Ru -

ns RS-sn rs snN ; nd nsnd pnmp ; rm psnd | pmmr ; - M P S - S , n S ; ; ; N S ;  
an - nai - vin pin-- nE- sen- - Ru - - a Naindu koN dE - - - nin Ru -

*...and pleaded with his eyes (kaNNAl SolliDum) with me to not tell (SollAdE enRu) her about it?*

; ; ; -N N ; N ; ; N N ; ; N ns R | S ; ; - N R - snN , Nd P ; ; ,d P d mP ; ||  
sol IA dhE - enRu - kaN NAl- - - - sol - li - Dum kaN -- - Nan -

; ; ; -ns N ; N ; ; N N ; ; N ns rm | srm r S - sn nr - snN , Nd P ; ; pd P\_d mP ; ||  
sol lA dhE - enRu - kaN NAl- - - - sol -- li - Dum kaN -- - Nan -

R,m P- N N ; N ; N N ; N ns rm | srm r S - sn rs - snN , Nd P ; ; mgrs - rmpn ||  
 - sol JA dhE - enRu - kaN NAl- - - - sol -- li- - Dum kaN Nan - kal -

sr mg r s- ns rs- nd mp -nd pmM ,p - mgm r gs -R P M| P ; ; ; ; R M P ; ; psnn pmmr ; || La --- pA - rvai -- on DRE --- - - - po du mE- --- - kaN - nan - - Shan - kha -

R G S- R      M P - pnsnN: N ; - ; nd      N ; nsrm| RS ; sn      nrS- nn ; nd P ; ; ; mgrs rmpn ||  
pa      duma ni-      dhi - i -      ran-Dum - - - ya      li va-t tan- dA] - - - en - da-