

Vara Narada

RAGAM-Vijayasri {47th melakarta (SuvarnAngi) janyam}
AROHANA: S R1 G2 M2 P N3 S ||
AVAROHANA: S N3 P M2 G2 R1 S ||

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Pallavi:
vara nArada nArAyaNa smaraNA-nandAnubhavamuga

Anupallavi:
sharadinduni bhApa ghanAgha sAramu gAnu brOvumika

Charanam:
sakala lOkamulaku sadguru vanucu nE nataDunucu hariyu
pratambuga kIrti nosangEnE bhAvuk atyAgarAjanuta

Meaning: (Courtesy: Tyagaraja Vaibhavam)

P: O Blessed (vara) sage nArada endowed (gala) with the experience (anubhavamuga) of bliss (Ananda) of ever remembering (smaraNa) (smaraNAnandAnuhavamuga) Lord nArayaNa!

A: O Sinless One (anagha) whose body (apaghana) (literally limbs) resembles (nibha) (nibhApaghanAnagha) the autumnal (Sarad) moon (indu) (Sarad-indu)! Please protect me (brOvumu) now (ika) (brOvumika) nicely (sAramugAnu); O Blessed sage nArada endowed with the experience of the bliss of ever remembering Lord nArayaNa!

C: Hasn't Lord hari (hariyu) conferred (osangenE) fame (kIrtini) (kIrtinosangenE) on you proclaiming (prakaTambuga) 'he is (anucu) the true preceptor (sad-guruvu) (sadguruvanucu) for entire (sakala) worlds (lOkamulaku)' and 'I (nEnu) am (anucu) always (sadA) he (ataDu)' (nEnataDanucu)? O Blessed sage nArada - praised (nuta) by this fortunate (bhAvuka) tyAgarAja - endowed with the experience of the bliss of ever remembering Lord nArayaNa!

Additiona Meanings: Glorious (“vara”) NARADA! You are perpetually experiencing (“anubhavamuga”) the Bliss (“ananda”) arising out of your meditation (“smarana”) of NARAYANA, the Lord of Sri. The radiance of your body outshines the splendour of the moon of the spring (“Sharadindu”). Grant me spiritual wisdom (“saaramu”) and guide me in the path of devotion (“brovumu”). The Lord Himself (“hari”) has declared that you are (“anucu”) the preceptor (“sadguru”) par excellence in this world (“sakala lokamulaku”) and He is you. What more? Bestower (“nosangane”) of auspiciousness (“keerthi”)! Worshipped (“nutha”) by Tyagaraja!

Pallavi:
Vara Naarada Naaraayana Smaranaananda Anubhavamugala

Sahityam: Vara Naarada Naaraayana

Meaning: O Blessed (vara) sage nArada endowed (gala) with the experience (anubhavamuga) of bliss (Ananda) ...

; P P P ; ; , p P | pmpn pnpm r G r R S ||
Va ra Naa- - - rada Naa- - - - - raa- - yana

; G R S ; ; R S | ; S N S G R G M ||
Sma ra naa - - nanda A nu bha va mu gala

P P P ; ; ; , p P | pmpn pnpm r G r R S ||
Va ra Naa- - - rada Naa- - - - - raa- - yana

Sahityam: Smaranaananda Anubhavamugala

Meaning: ... of ever remembering (smaraNa) (smaraNAnandAnuhavamu) Lord nArayaNa!

G R S ; ; R , S , | ; S N S G R G M ||
Sma ra naa - nan da A nu bha va mu gala

P P N mp N ; P P | pmpn pnpm r G r R S ||
Va ra Naa- - - rada Naa- - - - - raa- - yana

G R sr gr sn- R , S , | ; S N S G R G M ||
Sma ra naa - nan da A nu bha va mu gala

P P N mp P N P P | pmpn pnpm r G r R S ||
Va ra Naa- - - rada Naa- - - - - raa- - yana

pm gr sr gr sn- R , S , | ; S N S G R G M ||
Sma ra naa - nan da A nu bha va mu gala

P P P N ; ; ; sn | s R , rs S ; ; ; ||
Va ra Naa- - - - ra- - - da - - - -

Anupallavi:

sharadinduni bhApa ghanAgha sAramu gAnu brOvumika

Sahityam: sharadinduni bhApa ghanAgha

Meaning: O Sinless One (anagha) whose body (apaghana) (literally limbs) resembles (nibha) (nibhApaghanAnagha) the autumnal (Sarad) moon (indu) (Sarad-indu)!

; P P N ; ; , s N | r G r , r S sn sn ; R ||
Sha ra din - - du Ni bhaa-- pagha aa- - - na

rs S ; ; ; ; ; | NS N ; srgr grsn ||
gha - - - - - - - - - -

rsnp , p N - P N ; S N | r G r , r S sn sn ; R ||
Sha ra din - - du Ni bhaa-- pagha aa- - - na

rs S ; ; ; ; ; | srgr grsn srsn pnpm ||
gha - - - - - - - - - -

rsnp , p N - P N ; S N | r G r , r S sn sn ; R ||
Sha ra din - - du Ni bhaa-- pagha aa- - - na

rs S ; ; ; ; ; | srgr grsn pns- p sn pm ||
gha - - - - - - - - - -

P Srs snP P N ; S N | G ; , gM r G r R S ||
Sha ra - - din - - du Ni bhaa-- pagha Naa- - na gha

Sahityam: sAramu gAnu brOvumika

Meaning: Please protect me (brOvumu) now (ika) (brOvumika) nicely (sAramugAnu);

N S nsrs R , s sr sn | P ; M – pm G G M P ||
Saa- - - - - ra mu gaa nu Bro - - vu mika

N S nsrs R , s pn sr | sn - P M – pn pm G G M P ||
Saa- - - - - ra mu - - gaa nu Bro - - - vu mika

O Blessed sage nArada endowed with the experience of the bliss of ever remembering Lord nArayaNa!

P P N mp P N P P | pmpn pnpm r G r R S ||
Va ra Naa- - - rada Naa- - - - - raa- - yana

pm gr sr gr sn- R , S , l ; S N S G R G M ||
Sma ra naa - nan da A nu bha va mu gala

P P P N ; ; ; sn | s R , rs S ; ; ; ||
Va ra Naa- - - ra- da - - - - - - -

Charanam:

sakala lOkamulaku sadguru vanucu nE nataDunucu hariyu
pratambuga kIrti nosangEnE bhAvuk atyAgarAjanuta

Sahityam: sakala lOkamulaku sadguru vanucu

Meaning: 'he is (anucu) the true preceptor (sad-guruvu) (sadguruvanucu) for entire (sakala) worlds (lOkamulaku)' and...

; p p P P ; P M P | N – P ; M G – G R S ||
Saka la Lo - ka mula ku Sad gu ru da nuchu

Sahityam: sadA nE nataDunucu hariyu

Meaning: (Hasn't the Lord proclaimed to you): 'I (nEnu) am (anucu) always (sadA) he (ataDu)' (nEnataDanucu)?

; s r G , r S ; R – S | S - g g , g M P ; ; ; ||
Sa- daa-- Ne Na ta da nu chu Hari yu- - -

; p p P P ; P M P | N – P ; pnpm G – G R S ||
Saka la Lo - ka mula ku Sad gu ru da nuchu

srS , rGr , S ; R – S S | ; g g , g M P ; ; ; ||
Sa- daa-- Ne Na ta da - nuchu Hari yu- - -

Sahityam: pratambuga kIrti nosangEnE

Meaning: Hasn't Lord hari (hariyu) conferred (osangenE) fame (kIrtini) (kIrtinosangnE) on you proclaiming (prakaTambuga)

; p p , N , ; ; , s S | r G r R S ; ; ; ||
Praka - tam - - buga Keer- - thi - - -

; p p , N , ; ; , s S | r G r R S S , n R S ||
Praka - tam - - buga Keer- - thi no san- gene

P , n P – P N ; , s S | r G r R S snsn R S ||
Pra ka - - tam - - buga Keer- - thi no san- gene

P , s n p – P N ; , s S | r G r R S snsn R S ||
Pra ka - - tam - - buga Keer- - thi no san- gene

P , sr ssn p – P N ; , sr sr | r G r R S snsn R S ||
Pra ka - - tam - - buga Keer- - thi no san- gene

Sahityam: bhAvuk atyAgarAjanuta

Meaning: O Blessed sage nArada - praised (nuta) by this fortunate (bhAvuka) tyAgarAja - endowed with the experience of the bliss of ever remembering Lord nArayaNa!

NS nsrs R ; sr sn | P ; pmg – g ; G M P ||
Bhaa - - - - - vu-ka- Tyaa ga- - raa- ja nuta!

NS nsrs R ; pr sn | P ; P pm G - G M P ||
Bhaa - - - - - vu-ka- Tyaa ga-raa- - ja nuta!

pnS nsrs s Rs pn sr | sn -P , P - pm G - G M P ||
Bhaa - - - - - vu-ka- Tyaa ga raa- - ja nuta!

pnS nsrs Sgr rsS pn sr | sn -P , P - pm G - G M P ||
Bhaa - - - - - vu-ka- Tyaa ga raa- - ja nuta!

P P N mp P N P P | pmpn pnpm r G r R S ||
Va ra Naa- - - rada Naa- - - - - raa- - yana

pm gr sr gr sn- R , S , | ; S N S G R G M ||
Sma ra naa - nan da A nu bha va mu gala

P P P N ; ; ; sn | s R , rs S ; ; ; ||
Va ra Naa- - - ra- da - - - - - - -

Notes – Variations – (Courtesy: Tyagaraja Vaibhavam)

2 – sadguruvanucu – sadguruDanucu.

References -

1 - nArAyaNa smaraNa – remembering Lord nArAyaNa – Please refer to Words of Lord to sage nArada - SrImad-bhAgavataM, Book 1, Chapter 6 –

matir-mayi nibaddhEyaM na vipadyEta karhicit |
prajA-sarga-nirOdhE(a)pi smRtiS-ca mad-anugrahAt || 24 ||

“The thought you have thus fixed on Me shall never cease. And by My grace, you will continue to remember Me even when the whole creation has perished.” - <http://vedabase.net/sb/1/6/24/en>

3 – nEnataDu – I am he. The following verse in the SrImad bhagavad gIta, Chapter 10 is relevant –

aSvatthaH sarva-vRkshANAM dEvarshINAM ca nAradaH |
gandharvANAM citrarathaH siddhAnAM kapilO muniH || 26 ||

“Of all trees (I am) the aSvattha, and nArada of dEvaRshis; citraratha of gandharvas am I, and the muni kapila of the perfected ones.” - (Translation by Swami Swarupananda)

More about sage nArada –

<http://www.ibiblio.org/sripedia/ramanuja/archives/nov05/msg00056.html>