

# Śrī Gaura-ārati

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(kiba) **jaya jaya gaurāchāḍer ārotiko śobhā**  
**jāhṇavī-taṭa-vane jagamana-lobhā**  
(jaga janer mana-lobhā)  
(gaurāṅger āroti śobhā jaga janer mana-lobhā)  
(nitāi gaura haribol)

1 All glories, all glories to the beautiful ceremony of worship to Lord Gaurachandra in a grove on the banks of the Jāhṇavī river! It is attracting the minds of all living entities in the universe.

(kiba) **dakṣiṇe nitāichāḍ bāme gadādhara**  
**nikaṭe advaita śrīnivāsa chatra-dhara**

2 On Lord Gaurachandra's right side is Lord Nityānanda, and on His left is Śrī Gadādhara. Before Him stands Śrī Advaita, and Śrīvās Ṭhākura holds an umbrella over the Lord's head.

(kiba) **bosiyāche gaurāchāḍ ratna-simhāsane**  
(ratna-simhāsana alo korere  
bosiyāchen gaurāchāḍ ratna-simhāsane)  
**ārati korena brahmā ādi-deva gaṇe**  
(gaurāṅger āroti kore)  
(brahmā ādi-deva gaṇe gaurāṅger āroti kore)  
(gaurāṅgera bhakta sane gaurāṅger āroti kore)  
(nitāi gaura haribol)

3 Lord Chaitanya is seated upon a jewelled throne while the demi-gods headed by Lord Brahmā perform the *ārati* ceremony.

(kiba) **narahari-ādi kori chāmara dhulāya**  
**sañjaya-mukunda-vāsu-ghoṣa-ādi gāya**  
(gaura guṇa gāna kore)  
(sañjaya mukunda vāsu-ghoṣa gaura guṇa gāna kore)  
(nitāi gaura haribol)

4 Narahari Sarakār and other associates of Lord Chaitanya fan Him with whisks and the devotees headed by Sañjaya Paṇḍit, Mukunda Datta, and Vāsu Ghoṣa sing sweet *kīrttan* along with the other devotees.

(kiba) **śaṅkha bāje ghaṅṭā bāje bāje karatāla  
madhura mṛdaṅga bāje parama rasāla**

(madhur madhur madhur bāje)

(gaurāṅger āroti kāle madhur madhur madhur bāje)

(śaṅkha bāje ghaṅṭā bāje madhur madhur madhur bāje)

(madhura mṛdanga bāje madhur madhur madhur bāje)

(nitāi gaura haribol)

5 Conchshells, bells, and *karatālas* resound, and the *mṛdaṅgas* play very sweetly. This *kīrttan* music is supremely sweet and relishable to hear.

(kiba) **bahu-koṭi chandra jini vadana ujvala  
gala-deśe bona-mālā kore jhalamala**

(jhalmol jhalmol jhalmol kore)

(gaura gole bona phuler mālā

jhalmol jhalmol jhalmol kore)

(nitāi gaura haribol)

6 The brilliance of Lord Chaitanya's face conquers millions upon millions of moons, and the garland of forest flowers around His neck shines.

(kiba) **śiva-śuka-nārada preme gada-gada  
bhaktivinoda dekhe gorāra sampada**

7 Lord Shiva, Śukadeva Goswāmī and Nārada Muni are all present and their voices are choked with the ecstasy of transcendental love. Thus Bhaktivinoda envisions the glorious worship of Lord Gaurachandra.

(ei bār āmāy doyā koro)

(ṭhākura śrī bhaktivinoda ei bār āmāy doyā koro)

(ṭhākura śrī sarasvatī ei bār āmāy doyā koro)

(patit-pāvan śrī gurudev ei bār āmāy doyā koro)

(sapārṣada gaurahari ei bār āmāy doyā koro)

(nitāi gaura haribol)

This time please give me your grace. Oh Śrī Bhaktivinoda, Śrī Sarasvatī Ṭhākura, Oh Gurudeva, saviour of the fallen, Oh Lord Gaurahari along with Your associates, this time please give me Your grace.