

śrí mānikkavāsakar swāmigal's

thiruvāsagam pathigam - song 8.051 ("achōp pathigam")

(The sacred chālal: the sport of Sivan's gracious energy)



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Sanskrit Vowels

- a like a in nap
- ā like a in father
- ë like ay in may
- i like i in pin
- i like ee in sweet
- **ō** like **o** in rose
- u like u in put
- **ū** like **oo** in f**oo**d
- ha pronounce as a faint echoing of the previous vowel; e.g. ah: would be pronounced "aha"; ih: would be pronounced "ihi"; uh: would be
- pronounced "uhu"; etc.
 ai like ai in aisle
- au like ow in cow

Sanskrit Consonants

- **b** like **b** in **b**ird
- **bh** like **b h** in jo**b h**unt
- ch like pinch
- d like d in dove
- **dh** like **d h** in good heart
- g like good
- gh like g h in log hut
- h like h in hot

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- like **i** in **i**ob
- jh like dgeh in hedgehog
- jñ like ng y in sing your
- k like k in kite
- kh like ck h in black hat
- l like l in love
- m like m in mother
- ñ like n in pinch
- p like p in soap
- ph like ph in up hill
- r rolled like a Spanish or Italian "r"
- s like s in sun
- **ś** sometimes like **s** in **s**un, sometimes like "sya" sound
- t like rt in heart
- th like t h in fat hat
- v like v in love, sometimes like w in world
- y like y in yes

*t, th, d, dh, and n should be pronounced with the tongue placed against the protruding slightly beyond the upper teeth.

ஸ்ரீ மாணிக்க வாசகர் சுவாமிகள் அருளிச்செய்த

திருவாசகம் பதிகங்கள் - பாடல் 8.051



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("அச்சோப் பதிகம்")

திருச்சிற்றம்பலம்

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முத்திநெறி அறியாத மூர்க்கரொடு முயல்வேனைப் பத்திநெறி அறிவித்துப் பழவினைகள் பாறும்வண்ணம் சித்தமலம் அறுவித்துச் சிவமாக்கி எனைஆண்ட அத்தனெனக் கருளியவா றார்பெறுவார் அச்சோவே. 650

நெறியல்லா நெறிதன்னை நெறியாக நினைவேனைச் சிறுநெறிகள் சேராமே திருவருளே சேரும்வண்ணம் குறியொன்றும் இல்லாத கூத்தன்தன் கூத்தையெனக்கு அறியும்வண்ணம் அருளியவா றார்பெறுவார் அச்சோவே. 651 śri mānikkavāsakar swāmigal's thiruvāsagam pathigam - song 8.051 ("achōp pathigam") 8th thirumurai thiruchitrambalam

பொய்யெல்லாம் மெய்யென்று புணர்முலையார் போகத்தே மையலுறக் கடவேனை மாளாமே காத்தருளித் தையலிடங் கொண்டபிரான் தன்கழலே சேரும்வண்ணம் ஐயன்எனக் கருளியவா றார்பெறுவார் அச்சோவே. 652

மண்ணதனிற் பிறந்தெய்த்து மாண்டுவிழக் கடவேனை எண்ணமிலா அன்பருளி எனையாண்டிட் டென்னையுந்தன் கண்ணவெண்ணீ றணிவித்துத் தூய்நெறியே சேரும்வண்ணம் அண்ணல்எனக் கருளியவா றார்வபெறுவார் அச்சோவே. 653

பஞ்சாய அடிமடவார் கடைக்கண்ணால் இடர்ப்பட்டு



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நெஞ்சாய துயர்கூர நிற்பேன்உன் அருள்பெற்றேன் உய்ஞ்சேன்நான் உடையானே அடியேனை வருகஎன்று அஞ்சேல்என் றருளியவா றார்பெறுவார் அச்சோவே. 654

வெந்துவிழும் உடற்பிறவி மெய்யென்று வினைபெருக்கிக் கொந்துகுழல் கோல்வளையார் குவிமுலைமேல் வீழ்வேனைப் பந்தமறுத் தெனையாண்டு பரிசறஎன் துரிசுமறுத்து அந்தமெனக் கருளியவா றார்பெறுவார் அச்சோவே. 655

தையலார் மையலிலே தாழ்ந்துவிழக் கடவேனைப் பையவே கொடுபோந்து பாசமெனுந் தாழுருவி உய்யும்நெறி காட்டுவித்திட் டோ ங்காரத் துட்பொருளை ஐயன்எனக் கருளியவா றார்பெறுவார் அச்சோவே. 656

சாதல்பிறப் பென்னுந் தடஞ்சுழியில் தடுமாறிக்

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காதலின்மிக் கணியிழையார் கலவியிலே விழுவேனை மாதொருகூ றுடையபிரான் தன்கழலே சேரும்வண்ணம் ஆதியெனக் கருளியவா றார்பெறுவார் அச்சோவே. 657

செம்மைநலம் அறியாத சிதடரொடுந் திரிவேனை மும்மைமலம் அறுவித்து முதலாய முதல்வன்தான் நம்மையும்ஓர் பொருளாக்கி நாய்சிவிகை ஏற்றுவித்த அம்மையெனக் கருளியவா றார்பெறுவார் அச்சோவே. 658

செத்திடமும் பிறந்திடமு மினிச்சாவா திருந்திடமும் அத்தனையு மறியாதார் அறியுமறி வெவ்வறிவோ ஒத்தநில மொத்தபொருள் ஒருபொருளாய் பெரும்பயனை அத்ததெனக் கருளியவா றார்பெறுவா ரச்சோவே. 659

படியதினிற் கிடந்திந்தப் பசு பாசந் தவிர்ந்துவிடும்



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குடிமையிலே திறிந் தடியேன் கும்பியிலே விழாவண்ணம் நெடியவனும் நான்முகனும் நீர்கான்றுங் காணவொண்ணா அடிகளெனக் கருளியவா றார்பெறுவா ரச்சாவே. 660

பாதியெனு மிரவுதங்கிப் பகலெமக்கெ யிரைதேடி வேதனையி லகப்பட்டு வெந்துவிழக் கடவேனை சாதிகுலம் பிறப்பறுத்துச் சகமறிய வெனையாண்ட ஆதியெனுக் கருளியவா றார்பெறுவா ரச்சாவே. 661

திருச்சிற்றம்பலம்

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(The wonder of salvation)

I. THE FATHER'S CONVERTING GRACE

mukthi-neri ari-yātha mur-karodu muyal-vēnai bakthi-neri ari-vithu pala-vinaigal pārum-vannam sith-thamalam aru-vithu sivam-ākki enai-ānda ath-than-enakku aruliya-vār ārperu-vār achōvē. 650

To me, who toiled and moiled 'mid fools, that knew not WAY of final peace, He taught the WAY of pious love;- and that 'old deeds' might cease and flee, Purging the foulness of my will, made me pure bliss, took for His own;- 'Twas thus the FATHER gave me grace: O RAPTURE! WHO SO BLEST AS I?

II. THE MYSTIC DANCER CONVERTS THE HERETIC

neri-yallā nerith-thannai neri-yāka ninai-vēnai siru-nerikal sērā-mē thiru-varule sērum-vannam kuriy-onrum illātha kuthan-than kuthai-yenakku ariyum-vannam aruliya-vār ārperu-vār achōvē. 651

A WAY that was no rightful WAY I followed, deeming it the WAY,-That I might seek no meaner WAY, but only seek HIS sacred grace To gain, - He, Whom no signs describe, His mystic DANCE has given to know! Twas thus the DANCER gave me grace: O RAPTURE! WHO SO BLEST AS I? śri mānikkavāsakar swāmigal's thiruvāsagam pathigam - song 8.051 ("achōp pathigam") 8th thirumurai thiruchitrambalam

III. THE TEACHER LEADS AND GUARDS IN THE WAY OF TRUTH

poy-yellām mey-yenru punar-mulaiyār pō-gaththe meyyal-urakku ada-vënai mā-lāmë kāth-tharuli thaiy-alidum konda-pirān than-kalale sërum-vannam eye-yan-enakku aruliya-vār ārperu-vār achōvë. 652

Me trusting every lie as truth, - plunged in desire of women's charms,-He guarded that I perished not with soul perturb'd,- the Lord Superne, On whose left side the Lady dwells! He brought me nigh His jewell'd feet,-'Twas thus my GURU gave me grace: O RAPTURE! WHO SO BLEST AS I?

IV. THE LOFTY ONE PURIFIES BY DISCIPLESHIP

man-nathani piran-theythu māndu-vilakku ada-vēnai en-namilā anbaruli enai-yāndi dennai-yunthan kan-navēn-neer anivith-thu thuy-neriye sërum-vannam an-nal-enakku aruliya-vār ārperu-vār achōvë. 653

To me, - born in this clay, and doom'd, o'erworn, to perish, and to fall, -Love inconceivable He gave;- made me His own;- caused me to wear His own perfumed ashes white;- that I the way of purity Should reach, the LOFTY gave me gree: O RAPTURE! WHO SO BLEST AS I?

v. THE MASTER RELIEVED MY SOUL OF ITS FEAR panj-sāya adi-madavār kadaikku-annāl idarp-pattu



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nenj-sāya thuyar-kura nit-pēnum arul-paetrēn uynj-sēn-nān udai-yāne adi-yēnai varuga-ënru anj-sēlen aruliya-vār ārperu-vār achōvē. 654

Afflicted sore by glancing eyes of silly damsels, soft of foot,I stood, my mind by sorrow pierced; and then Thy grace I gain'd,- was sav'd,Ev'n I, O MASTER mine! Thou bad'st Thy servant come; 'Fear not, 'Thou said'st!'
Twas thus that grace to me was given: O RAPTURE! WHO SO BLEST AS I?

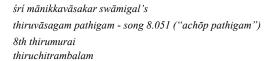
VI. THE LAST-ONE SAVED ME FROM SENSUAL SERVITUDE

venthu-vilum udal-piravi mey-yenru vinai-perukki-ku konthu-kulal kōl-valaiyār kuvi-mulai-mël veel-vënai pan-thamaru thenai-yāndu parisa-rën thuri-suma-ruth-thu anthem-enakku aruliya-vār ārperu-vār achōvë. 655

Birth of this frame that burns and falls I took for true,- did many deeds; In converse joy'd with maidens wreathed in flowers, with lustrous armlets deck'd. My bonds He cut, made me His own, cleansed foulness so no trace was left! Twas thus the LAST-ONE gave me grace: O RAPTURE! WHO SO BLEST AS I?

VII. THE GURU'S ESOTERIC TEACHING

thai-yalār mai-yal-ile thālnthu-vilakku ada-vēnai pai-yavē kodu-pōnthu pāsam-enum thāl-uruvi



uy-yuneri kāttu-vith-thit dōngārath thut-porulai eye-yan-enakku aruliya-vār ārperu-vār achōvë. 656

Prostrate it was my fate to fall in 'wilderment of fair ones' charms.

In gentle love He led me forth, loosing the prison bars of 'bond';

Showed me the way to 'scape; and taught the meaning of the mystic OM

'Twas thus the GURU gave me grace: O RAPTURE! WHO SO BLEST AS!?

VIII. THE FIRST SAVED ME BY GIFT OF PERSONAL DEVOTION

sāthal-pira pën-num thadanj-chuliyil thadu-mārik-ku kāthalin-mikku kani-yilai-yār kala-viyile vilu-vënai mā-thoru-kur udaiya-pirān than-kalale sërum-vannam āthi-yenakku aruliya-vār ārperu-vār achōvë. 657

My troubled soul was whirled around in circling tide of death and birth; I fell, enamoured with the charms of those with jewels rare adorned; The Lord, whose Form the Lady shares, in mercy drew me to His feet. Twas thus the FIRST-ONE gave me grace: O RAPTURE! WHO SO BLEST AS I?

IX. SAVES ME WITH A MOTHER'S LOVE

semmai-nalam ariyātha citha-darodum thiri-vēnai mummai-malam aruvith-thu muthal-āya muthal-vanthān nammai-yumōr porul-ākki nay-civi-gai ëtrru-vith-tha



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ammai-yenakku aruliya-vār ārperu-vār achōvë. 658

With those that knew not right or good,- men ignorant,- I wandered too.
The First, the Primal Lord Himself threefold pollution caus'd to cease;
Even me He took as something worth,- like dog in sumptuous litter borne!
'Twas thus the MOTHER gave me grace: O RAPTURE! WHO SO BLEST AS I?

Thiruchitrambalam

A note on the tālam [Thillai]

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This hymn was composed after Mānikkavāsakar had settled down in Thillai, his active life finished, and was waiting for the great release. He surveys (as he was so fond of doing) the whole

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course along which his Master (God Siva) had guided him; acknowledges how often he had fallen through an undisciplined and unpurified mind; and records with thankfulness that grace him the victory at last. No rapture is like His (God Siva)! Each verse addresses his Master variously as:

- (1) Father,
- (2) the Mystic Dancer,
- (3) the Guru,
- (4) the High and Lofty One,
- (5) the Master,
- (6) the Blissful,
- (7) again as the Guru,
- (8) the Author of all things, and
- (9) the Mother (being one with Umai).

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