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KRISHNA IS SLAIN!

("KRISHNA VADHAM" by Sri.W.V.KRISHNA WARRIOR)

After wielding sword and shield Kamsa dat jump to the grand arena. Tall, plump, white and fat His body, the embodiment of healthiness, Was covered from top to toe By a heavy armour wrought in steel. The edge of the sword That he held in his outstretched hand When touched, beheaded to fall Atoms latent with high charged energy in battalions. The glowing and the hottest Outflow of blood therefrom burst down earth Like hot and forceful gush Of molten lava out from a smouldering volcano. The shield that he held And pushed to fore by his left hand Was charged with unbridled power Generated from a thousand Niagra falls. Whe rever he stamped firmly With his jack-booted feet very large craters Opened mouths that were caused By thunderous explosions of tons of bombs. Lightning flashed in eyes blue On his face of snow-white hue, Flood of violently lethal rays To burndown anything coming to its sight. Puffs of poisoned smoke, as if From an aimed cannon, breathed out his nose.

Bottle, that filled with arrack Distilled from fermented blood sucked from earth, Was seen dangling sportively From the band strewn with cartridges like garland. The crown studded with sapphires, The symbol of sovereignty over four continents, People took it for a large Steel helmet placed over his coppery head. Aeroplanes and warships in thousands And several fleets of armoured cars that ratted While rolled on caterpillar wheels -All these if would start Moving together, the combined din terrifying, Kamsa did create such worlds Of sound in thousands by his boisterous shouts. Striking noisily on arms and thighs And shaking chest he stood in the arena defiantly.

There comes Baby Krishna on bare-foot.

His ribs were seen raised

From the gaunt and swarthy body.

The boy must not have

Seen milk and curd for years together.

But shepherd's staff and reed

Are seen still held by his enfeebled hands.

The boy's nakedness was increased

By the badly torn yellow loin cloth he wore.

A floral garland faded and shrivelled

Was hanging over his breast like a deadly curse.

Peacock feathers tied to his tuft

Had fallen down by the blow of hot wind.

Few husky hair-locks ---

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Few husky hair-locks dangled

On his high forehead and broad shoulders
On the very forehead that

Was kissed and shoulders embraced by milkmaids.

The boy stood shrunk, shivering,

Sweating and dazed at the sight of his adversary,

Like a bird in forest

Hypnotised to see that pair of eyes of a serpent.

Kamsa's rising fore arm suddenly
Knocks down the boy to robl on the ground.
A boot like a mechanised hammer
Is downing towards the tender head.
Krishna's head is bursting
Like a pressed egg is breaking.
A little blood, a little brain,
They mingle to soak the soil.

And Mustika shout hilariously in rapturous glee.

Gods shower 'parijata' flowers

Over the head of the victorious hero.

Heavenly girls sing and rise (

The welcome symphony of ethereal instruments.

The melody of rattle of anklets

Of dancing 'apsaras' echoes throughout the world.

The holy sages, seekers of truth,

Are extolling him much aloud:

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The story that Krishna slayed

Kamsa merely a poet's vision in a day dream.

But slaying of Krishna

By Kamsa, a hard truth we witness everyday!

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