

महिषासुरमर्दिनि स्तोत्रम्

**mahiṣāsūramardini stotram**

The Song of the Slayer of the Great Ego

अयि गिरिनन्दिनि नन्दितमेदिनि विश्वविनोदिनि नन्दिनुते  
गिरिवरविन्ध्यशिरोऽधिनिवासिनि विष्णुविलासिनि जिष्णुनुते ।  
भगवति हे शितिकण्ठकुटुम्बिनि भूरिकुटुम्बिनि भूरिकृते  
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते ॥

**ayi girinandini nanditamedini viśvavinodini nandinute**  
**girivaravindhyaśiro-dhinivāsini viṣṇuvilāsini jiṣṇunute ।**  
**bhagavati he śitikaṅṭhakuṭumbini bhūrikuṭumbini bhūrikṛte**  
**jaya jaya he mahiṣāsūramardini ramyakapardini śailasute ॥**  
Oh Daughter of the Mountains, Who causes bliss to all the Earth,  
Whose Divine Play is this Universe, Who is worshipped by Nandi, the  
Attendant of Shiva. Who dwells at the apex of Vindhya the best of  
mountains (Which is the personification of the Knowledge of Humility),  
Who is radiantly shining with The Consciousness that pervades all  
(Viṣṇu) and who is praised by the Triumphant One (Indra). Oh  
Supreme Goddess, the wife of the one with a blue throat (Śiva), Who is  
the head of the abundant (universal) family, Who created Abundance.  
Victory, Victory to you! Oh Slayer of the Great Ego, Oh One with  
beautiful braided hair, Oh Goddess of Inspiration (Daughter of the  
Mountains).

सुरवरवर्षिणि दुर्धरधर्षिणि दुर्मुखमर्षिणि हर्षरते  
त्रिभुवनपोषिणि शङ्करतोषिणि किल्बिषमोषिणि घोषरते ।  
दनुजनिरोषिणि दितिसुतरोषिणि दुर्मदशोषिणि सिन्धुसुते  
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते ॥

**suravaravarṣiṇi durdharadharsṇi durmukhamarṣiṇi harṣarate**  
**tribhuvanapoṣiṇi śaṅkaratoṣiṇi kilbiṣamoṣiṇi ghoṣarate ।**  
**danujaniroṣiṇi ditisutarōṣiṇi durmadaśoṣiṇi sindhusute**  
**jaya jaya he mahiṣāsūramardini ramyakapardini śailasute ॥**

Who causes a rain of divine blessings, Who overpowered Irresistible Temptation, Who endured and forgave Foul Mouth, Who delights in Her own bliss. Who is the cause of Increase in the three worlds, who is satisfying to Śaṅkara, the Cause of Peace, Who forcibly takes away our faults, Who delights in cries of victory. Who removes the anger born of Duality and Who is angry with the Sons of Duality, Who removes illusion and arrogance, the daughter of the ocean (Lakṣmi.) Victory, Victory to you! Oh Slayer of the Great Ego, Oh One with beautiful braided hair, Oh Goddess of Inspiration (Daughter of the Mountains).

अयि जगदम्ब मदम्ब कदम्ब वनप्रियवासिनि हासरते  
शिखरि शिरोमणि तुङ्गहिमलय शृङ्गनिजालय मध्यगते ।  
मधुमधुरे मधुकैटभगञ्जिनि कैटभभञ्जिनि रासरते  
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते ॥

**ayi jagadamba madamba kadamba vanapriyavāsini hāsarate  
śikhari śiromaṇi tuṅgahimalaya śṛṅganijālaya madhyagate ।  
madhumadhure madhukaiṭabhagañjini kaiṭabhabhañjini  
rāsarate**

**jaya jaya he mahiṣāsuramardini ramyakapardini śailasute ॥**  
Oh Mother of the perceivable universe, my own Mother, Who loves residing in the forest of Kadamba trees and delights in laughter and mirth, Who is the pinnacle of Crown Jewels, Whose abode is in the midst of lofty Himalayan Peaks. Who is as sweet as sweetness itself, who subdued the pride of Too Much and Too Little, The destroyer of Too Little, Who enjoys the Uproar of Noise. Victory, Victory to you! Oh Slayer of the Great Ego, Oh One with beautiful braided hair, Oh Goddess of Inspiration (Daughter of the Mountains).

अयि निजहुङ्कृति मात्रनिराकृत धूम्रविलोचन धूम्रशते  
समरविशोषित शोणितबीज समुद्भवशोणित बीजलते ।  
शिवशिवशुम्भ निशुम्भमहाहव तर्पितभूत पिशाचरते  
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते ॥

**ayi nijahuṅkṛti mātranirākṛta dhūmravilocana dhūmraśate  
samaraviśoṣita śoṇitabīja samudbhavaśoṇita bijalate ।  
śivaśivaśumbha niśumbhamahāhava tarpitabhūta piśācarate  
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsurasuramardini ramyakapardini śailasute ॥**  
Who with a single utterance of the mantra "Hum" (meaning cut the ego) reduced Sinful Eyes into a hundred bits of ash. Who in the battle with the thoughts completely dried up the Seed of Desire and the thoughts born from him which were like vines rising from seeds. Who offered Self-Conceit and Self-Deprecations as the great oblations to the Auspicious Consciousness of Infinite Goodness (Śiva) thus satisfying and delighting the disembodied spirits attending him. Victory, Victory to you! Oh Slayer of the Great Ego, Oh One with beautiful braided hair, Oh Goddess of Inspiration (Daughter of the Mountains).

जय जय जय्य जयेजयशब्द परस्तुति तत्परविश्वनुते  
झणझणझिञ्झिमि झिङ्कृत नूपुरशिञ्जितमोहित भूतपते ।  
नटित नटार्ध नटी नट नायक नाटितनाट्य सुगानरते  
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते ॥

**jaya jaya jayya jayejayaśabda parastuti tatparaviśvanute  
jhaṇajhaṇajhiñjimi jhiṅkṛta nūpuraśiñjitamohita bhūtapate ।  
naṭita naṭārdha naṭī naṭa nāyaka nāṭitanāṭya sugānarate  
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsurasuramardini ramyakapardini śailasute ॥**  
Who is the continuous repetition of shouts of "Jaya Jaya" Victory, Victory! Who is the resounding sound of "Jaya" at the time of victory, The supreme song of praise, Who is worshipped in the universe as that which is beyond, The tinkling sound of whose anklets captivates even the Lord of Beings, Who acts as half of the Cosmic Dancer, who is both male and female, who leads the Universal Play, delighting in the

excellent song (of the Cosmic Sound "om".) Victory, Victory to you!  
Oh Slayer of the Great Ego, Oh One with beautiful braided hair, Oh  
Goddess of Inspiration (Daughter of the Mountains).

अथि सुमनःसुमनःसुमनः सुमनःसुमनोहरकान्तियुते  
श्रितरजनी रजनीरजनी रजनीरजनी करवक्त्रवृते ।

सुनयनविभ्रमर भ्रमरभ्रमर भ्रमरभ्रमराधिपते

जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते ॥

ayi sumanaḥsumanaḥsumanaḥ

sumanaḥsumanoharakāntiyute

śritarajanī rajanīrajanī rajanīrajanī karavaktravṛte ।

sunayanavibhramara bhramarabhramara

bhramarabhramarādhipate

jaya jaya he mahiṣāsurasuramardini ramyakapardini śailasute ॥

Who is benevolent, gracious, favorable and pleasant, Who is the  
captivating union of the excellent mind with beauty enhanced by  
love, Who makes the night subservient, Who is the Dark One within  
the night, Who is the night of the night, Whose face is surrounded by  
rays of moon light, Whose excellent eyes are distinguished amongst  
the swarm of beautiful black bees as the supreme lords of black bees.  
Victory, Victory to you! Oh Slayer of the Great Ego, Oh One with  
beautiful braided hair, Oh Goddess of Inspiration (Daughter of the  
Mountains).

कमलदलामल कोमलकान्ति कलाकलितामल भाललते

सकलविलास कलानिलयक्रम केलिचलत्कल हंसकुले ।

अलिकुलसङ्कल कुवलयमण्डल मौलिमिलद्वकुलालिकुले

जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते ॥

kamaladalāmala komalakānti kalākalitāmala bhālalate

sakalavilāsa kalānilayakrama kelialatkala haṁsakule ।

alikulasaṅkula kuvalayamaṇḍala maulimiladbakulālikule

jaya jaya he mahiṣāsurasuramardini ramyakapardini śailasute ॥

On whose forehead are the spotlessly pure petals of the lotus and the pure shining symbol of the Light of Devotion (the moon), charming like beauty enhanced by love, Who is Completely Shining and moves with the playful, soft movements of a flock of swans, proceeding like the moon in its own abode. Whose ornamented and braided hair is beautiful and sweet like a swarm of bees amongst a circle of blue lotuses, as well as bakula flowers covered with bees. Victory, Victory to you! Oh Slayer of the Great Ego, Oh One with beautiful braided hair, Oh Goddess of Inspiration (Daughter of the Mountains).

अयि मयि दीन दयालुतया कृपयैव त्वया भवितव्यमुमे  
अयि जगतो जननी कृपयासि यथासि तथानुमितासिरते ।  
यदुचितमत्र भवत्युररीकुरुतादुरुतापमपाकुरुते  
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते ॥

**ayi mayi dīna dayālutayā kṛpayaiva tvayā bhavitavyamume  
ayi jagato jananī kṛpayāsi yathāsi tathānumitāsirate ।  
yaducitamatra bhavatyurarīkuruṭādurūtāpamapākurute  
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsurasuramardini ramyakapardini śailasute ॥**  
Oh Uma, You must bestow Your grace on those who are lowly like me as You are our Compassionate Mother. Oh Mother of the Universe, You shower Your grace on us and in the same manner You scatter Your arrows (to protect us). Oh Supreme Goddess, please do whatever is appropriate in this circumstance to drive away my pain and difficulties. Victory, Victory to you! Oh Slayer of the Great Ego, Oh One with beautiful braided hair, Oh Goddess of Inspiration (Daughter of the Mountains).