



Madhurashtakam

The **Madhurashtakam** is a unique composition by Shri Vallabhacharya which describes the Sweetness of Lord Sri Krishna. The Madhurashtakam uses just one adjective, "**Madhuram**", meaning sweet or beautiful, to describe the lovely attributes of Lord Sri Krishna's beautiful form. He is the King of Sweetness and is Beauty personified.

ADHARAM MADHURAM VADANAM MADHURAM,
NAYANAM MADHURAM HASITAM MADHURAM
HRADAYAM MADHURAM GAMANAM MADHURAM,
MADHURĀDHI PATER AKHILAM MADHURAM

Meaning: His lips are sweet, His cherubic face is sweet, His mesmerising eyes are sweet, His soulful laugh & smile is sweet, His loving heart is sweet & His enchanting gait is sweet. Everything about the King of Sweetness is sweet.

VACHANAM MADHURAM CHARITAM MADHURAM,
VASANAM MADHURAM VALITAM MADHURAM
CHALITAM MADHURAM BHRAMITAM MADHURAM,
MADHURĀDHI PATER AKHILAM MADHURAM

Meaning: His words are sweet, His character is sweet, His garments are sweet, His posture is sweet, His movements are sweet & His roaming is sweet. Everything about the King of Sweetness is sweet.

VENUR MADHURO RENUR MADHURAH,
PĀNIR MADHURAH PĀDAU MADHURAU
NRITYAM MADHURAM SAKHYAM MADHURAM,
MADHURĀDHI PATER AKHILAM MADHURAM

Meaning: His flute is sweet, the dust of His lotus feet is sweet, His hands & His feet are sweet, His dancing is sweet & His friendship is sweet. Everything about the King of Sweetness is sweet.

GEETAM MADHURAM PEETAM MADHURAM,
BHUKTAM MADHURAM SUPTAM MADHURAM
ROOPAM MADHURAM TILAKAM MADHURAM,
MADHURĀDHI PATER AKHILAM MADHURAM

Meaning: His song is sweet, His drinking is sweet, His eating is sweet, His sleeping is sweet, His beautiful form is sweet & His tilak (mark adorning the forehead) is sweet. Everything about the King of Sweetness is sweet.

**KARANAM MADHURAM TARANAM MADHURAM,
HARANAM MADHURAM SMARANAM MADHURAM
VAMITAM MADHURAM SHAMITAM MADHURAM,
MADHURĀDHI PATER AKHILAM MADHURAM**

Meaning: His deeds and activities are sweet, His path of salvation is sweet, His thieving/stealing is sweet, His love-sports are sweet, His oblations/offerings are sweet & His countenance is sweet. Everything about the King of Sweetness is sweet.

**GUNJĀ MADHURĀ MĀLĀ MADHURĀ,
YAMUNĀ MADHURĀ VICHI MADHURĀ
SALILAM MADHURAM KAMALAM MADHURAM,
MADHURĀDHI PATER AKHILAM MADHURAM**

Meaning: His necklace of berries is sweet, His flower garland is sweet, the Yamuna River is sweet, her rippling waves are sweet, her water is sweet & the lotus flowers floating in the river are sweet. Everything about the King of Sweetness is sweet.

**GOPI MADHURĀ LEELĀ MADHURĀ,
YUKTAM MADHURAM BHUKTAM MADHURAM
DRISHTAM MADHURAM SHISHTAM MADHURAM,
MADHURĀDHI PATER AKHILAM MADHURAM**

Meaning: His gopis (milkmaids) are sweet, His divine sports & pastimes are sweet, His union is sweet, His deliverance/salvation is sweet, His sidelong glances are sweet & His etiquette is sweet. Everything about the King of Sweetness is sweet.

**GOPĀ MADHURĀ GĀVO MADHURĀ,
YASHTIR MADHURĀ SHRISHTIR MADHURĀ
DALITAM MADHURAM FALITAM MADHURAM,
MADHURĀDHI PATER AKHILAM MADHURAM**

Meaning: His gopas (cowherd friends) are sweet, His cows are sweet, His herding-staff is sweet, His creation is sweet, His treading is sweet & His accomplishments are also sweet. Everything about the King of Sweetness is sweet.

|| Iti Shrimad Vallabhācharya Viracitam Madhurāshtakam Sampurnam ||

Thus ends the eight stanza hymn Madhurashtakam composed by Shrimad Vallabhacharya