

GLORIES OF NAROTTAM DAS THAKUR

SCENE I

Sankirtan party doing with kritan and dancing. Lord Caitanya dancing going round and round and in the circle like a mad man shouting "Narottam, Narottam"- rolling on the ground. Nityananda Prabhu and Haridas Thakur looked at each other

Nityananda Prabhu : something very special is going to happen. A very special person named Narottam is soon going to be born. Caitanya Mahaprabhu is calling, the lord is calling for him.

Haridas Thakur : Who are going to be the fortunate mother and father of this child?

Lord Caitanya regains his consciousness.

Lord Caitanya : Nityananda, across the Padma, in Kheturi gram, Narottam will soon take birth. This will occur in our lifetime. Kirtan is my life and soul and Narottam will sustain it. There in Kheturi, he will absorb my kirtan rasa with all my love. I grow anxious for this to occur. For now, I will deposit my intense love in this river Padma, You, Nityananda, you bring him here at appropriate time and Padma will extend my love to him.

(Lord Caitanya and associates start walking towards Padma)

Padma : I understand that you want me to deliver this love to Narottam. (folded hands) But how will I know when he comes? How will I be able to identify him?

Lord Caitanya : When someone enters your waters and causes you to overflow, as I've just done and make you greatly jubilant - that is Narottam!!!!

(Padma, offers her obeisances and returns)

(CURTAIN CLOSE)

NARRATION

NDT was the embodiment of Gaudiya teachings. He conveyed love of God through his memorable poetry and lived that love in the same poetic way. He was the perfect devotee, the archetypal messenger of the Divine, whose characteristics, the six Goswamis described, everytime their quill touched palm leaf. Narottam is remembered as the superlative Gaudiya because the ultimate philosophical conceptions of Gaudiya Vaishnavism are reflected in everyone of his songs. His Divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada explains that although NDT wrote his songs in simple Bengali language, because of his deep love and devotion

and the revelation of the essence of all vaisnava philosophy, these simple songs are as powerful and authoritative as the original vedic literature. Why Srila Prabhpada and our acharyas love NDT so deeply and to this day give such inspiration. We will make some small attempt to describe in today's drama.

Gaur Kishor Das Babaji Maharaj always carried two books- "Prarthna" and "Prem Bhakti Chandrika" which were written by NDT.

Narahari Chakravarti is that great personality who wrote "Narottam Villas" discussing the life story of NDT. Bhakti Vinod Thakur carried Narottam Villas, the life story of NDT. NDT was the embodiment of Prema Bhakti.

NARAHARI CHAKRAVARTI: All glories to the son of Saci and Jagannath Mishra, Sri Gaur Govinda, the embodiment of divine love!! All glories to Caitanya Mahaprabhu and all his associates. I'm an illiterate fool who knows nothing of what is right or what is wrong and yet I've been ordered by saintly persons to write this beautiful book "Narottam Villas" which will certainly be relished by the readers.

NDT was the only son of the great king of Kheturi, named Krishnanada Datta and his mother was Narayanidevi. His beauty was unparalleled and his eyes were shining with spiritual energy, his limbs were perfect with all the signs of a Mahapurusha. He was a great genius, he had complete indifference to the pleasures of this world from his earliest childhood. As he was growing, a spontaneous longing for Krsna, for devotional service was manifesting from his heart. He would cry for Krsna and would regularly hear from an old Brahmin, Krsna das who was an associate of Lord Caitanya's devotees, about the pastimes and teachings of Lord Caitanya, Lord Nityananda and his intimate associates for hours and hours everyday. When Narottama was 12 years old, Lord Nityananda appeared to him in a dream and instructed him "Tomorrow morning, go to Prem Tala Ghat and take bath in Padma river. At that time, you shall receive the Gaur Prem".

As he woke up early morning, he hurried to Padma, when he touched the water the Padma river swelled up. As he entered into the water LC happily embraced him and impregnated within his heart, his own love. At that moment, Narottam's naturally dark complexion turned to the color of molten gold like that of Lord Caitanya. He rolled on ground weeping in ecstasy of separation from Lord Gauranga. Torrents of tears pouring from his eyes and hairs standing on end, limbs were trembling. His parents sent a search party for him. When they found him weeping at the banks of Padma and brought him home.

SCENE - II

(Servants carrying Narottam and getting him to palace and keep him on the bed)

Mother : My dear Naru! what has happened to you! Why do you weep in this pathetic way? How can I help You?

Narottam : Dear Mother, this morning when i went to bathe in the Padma, a golden colored supreme lord entered into my heart. It is he who is causing these tears. I'm feeling his love and separation from him. If you want to relieve my distress, allow me to leave home to go in search of his lotus feet.
SRI KRSNA CAITANYA!! SRI KRSNA CAITANYA!! SRI KRSNA CAITANYA!

RADHE SHYAM!!! RADHE SHYAM!!!!

Father : I am very afraid. I fear that our Naru may run away to adopt the life of renunciation. He is our only son, the heir to the throne. If he leaves, all my riches will be worthless. He can not take renounced life. I want to get him married. I know what to do GUARDS!!!

GUARD 1 & 2 : Yes Maharaj!

King : Keep a watch over him from morning to evening.

(FATHER AND MOTHER LEAVE)

Narottam : Please, My Lord Gauranga, help me to escape, save me from this hellish prison. Liberate me from this hellish prison life of family attachment and allow me to serve you in the association of advanced vaishnavas.

(HE CRIES - GOES TO SLEEP)

(DREAM - LORD CAITANYA APPEARS --DARK LIGHT, SPOT LIGHT ON LC)

Lord Caitanya : (Placed his feet on his head and embraced him)
Narottam, O Narottam!! I can not bear your tears of separation longer. Therefore I have revealed myself to you. All of your desires will be fulfilled. So immediately go to Vrndavana. There in Vrndavana, you will get shelter of the lotus feet of Loknath Goswami. He will give you initiation and repeat the sacred mantra within your ear. I have great plans that I am going to fulfill through You. GO, GO to Vrndavana at once.

**(LIGHTS OFF)
(CURTAIN CLOSE)**

NARAHARI CHAKRAVARTI: NDT's only meditation was to escape from home. He was waiting for the opportunity to run away . One day when his father was away, he cleverly escaped. He ran and ran and ran in a random way so that nobody could find him. On the way he is tired, hungry, body was worn out because after all he was the prince living in royalty his whole life. He had a dream. Rupa and Sanatan Goswami appeared to him. On his passing, whoever saw Narottam was very attracted to this boy. Just by his qualities, his effulgence, his gentleness, his compassion they knew he was saint. He was discovered by the family guards, but he spoke with such sincerity and devotion that he logically convinced them that he was doing the right thing and instead of taking him back home, they actually gave him some money for the trip. Eventually he reached Mathura. He took bath at Vishram ghata. There an old brahmin informed him about disappearance of Rupa Goswami, Sanatana Goswami, Raghunatha bhatt Goswami, Kashishwar Pandit. He fell in an ocean of despair. He told him the anticipation and longing of his life was to serve their lotus feet but they have left him. He started going to Vrindavan. He first went to Radha Govindaji temple and met Jiva Goswami. There Jiva Goswami personally introduced him to all the devotees.

SCENE III

Jiva Goswami : Srinivas, Srinivas, meet Narottam.

Srinivas : Narottam, Narottam - last night, Sri Rupa Goswami appeared to me and told "That personality you've been waiting for, all these years, Narottam will come tomorrow and you will meet him."

Narottam : It is only by the causeless mercy of Lord Caitanya that I've been brought to the sacred land of Vrndavan. I'm very lowly, I'm very sinful, I'm unqualified, still my lord, you've brought me to Vrndavan. Will Loknath Goswami accept me as his disciple? Will he accept my service? Will I attain the shelter of his lotus feet? Will I be able to take the dust of lotus feet of Gopal Bhatt Goswami on my head? Will I be able to worship the lotus feet of Bhugarbha Goswami? Will all these great souls accept me who is so unqualified, so sinful, so materialistic? Will they accept me as their servant?

Jiva Goswami : Come, I 'll take you to Loknatha Goswami.
(Loknatha Goswami weeping in separation)

Loknatha Goswami : Rupa Goswami, Sanatana Goswami - why have you left me alone to suffer?
(Jiva Goswami offering obeisances)

Loknatha Goswami : Oh !!! Jiva Goswami , You've come. (He embraces him.)

Jiva Goswami : See, Look here, who have I brought today? Looking at him all your pain will disappear. This is our Narottam, Yes, Lokanath Goswami, Narottam our Narottam has come.

Loknath Goswami : (happily, looking at him with great affection from top to bottom. He picked up Narottam and embraced him) I have been dying. I have been waiting for you. You have given me life. See Bhugarva Goswami see, Narottam has come.

Bhugarbha Goswami : Yes, We have heard, we have heard in Ramkeli. Lord Caitanya was calling your name. He will fulfill his mission through you. This is well known to all of us.

Narottam : Actually, I have no right to be with all of you. I am a poor man, bereft of all good qualities. I do not even have a Guru.

Loknath Goswami : You have received the direct grace of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. He is the original guru. Besides him, who else do you want for a teacher. He has given your divine love, the same love that most devotees hanker for throughout their entire lifetime. You possess that love. What is the value of another guru?

Narottam : It is true that Mahaprabhu is the only real guru but he simultaneously has faith in you to take to be my guru and has asked me to take initiation from you. The guru guides his disciple in practical spiritual life. I have no spiritual insight and I am feeling separation from the Lord. I beg for your mercy.

Loknatha Goswami : How can I initiate you? I have never given initiation to anyone in my entire life. And I do not know how long I can survive. I have no power. I have no strength to instruct anyone. My heart is just suffering miserably in separation of the Lord and his devotees. Since Rupa And Sanatana Goswami have left me, there is nothing, nothing I can do but cry. NO, NO, I can not do this!!

(LIGHTS OFF, ALL WALKED OUT. DIM LIGHT- EARLY MORNING)

Narahari Chakravarti : Loknatha Goswami was so humble. He wouldn't accept any service. Narottam Das made a plan. He was longing to serve his guru maharaj. Every morning Loknatha goswami would perform his morning duties in the forest and then go to yamuna to take bath. Narottam das would perfectly clean everything in the forest and put water for him and make everything so nice. And whatever was left there, he would clean with his own hands.
(Loknatha Goswami goes inside the bushes and when he goes away, NDT cleans the place)

SCENE IV

Loknath Goswami : Somebody is cleansing this place everyday since last 10 days. I don't understand why does some one want to do such menial work? I must find out. Who could be doing this? why? I don't understand.

(Loknath Goswami hides and sees Narottam doing it)

Loknath Goswami : Narottam!! Narottam!!! what are you doing? Why? Why are you doing this? You are a prince. You are born in a royal family. What are you doing? Cleaning the urine and stool with your hands!!!! WHY? WHY?

Narottam : Dear Guru maharaj, I've rejected all the useless wealth of this material world and I have achieved the ultimate treasure. The ultimate treasure of menial service to my spiritual master.

Loknath Goswami : Narottam!!! Your sincerity and humility is melting my heart. Although you are a great scholar. Your menial service attitude is melting my heart. You already told me how Lord Caitanya appeared to you on several occasions. What do you need to take Initiation from me!!!!

Narottam : Because the lord has ordered me. And besides that I am most fallen I am most insignificant, yet he appeared to me out of his ultimate causeless mercy. I am the most fallen wretched soul. If you do not give me your mercy, I've no hope.

Loknath Goswami : Yes, I'll initiate you. Actually Lord Caitanya appealed to me and ordered me to initiate you. I'll initiate you today.

Narottam : Thank you , Guru Maharaj. (CRIES)

Jiva Goswami : We are so happy. Finally, Narottam Das has achieved his goal.

Loknath Goswami : Yes, I am initiating him and entrusting him to you to get trained in the scriptures of the Goswamis. You train him in vaishnava life, vaishnava culture and holy scriptures. Please, take care of him.

(CURTAIN CLOSE)

NARAHARI CHAKRAVARTI: Narottam Das Thakur was blessed by all the vaishnavas. His devotional service became deep. In the association of Srinivas Acharya and Shyamananda Pandit, he was getting trained by Jiva Goswami. He would perform chanting of the holy names, menial services to the vaishnavas, holy dhama, deities and gradually he entered into a state where he was performing manas seva. He was meditating on the will of the lord in the heart. Because of his pure service attitude, pure chanting of the holy name and the blessings of vaishnavas, the lilas of the lord were manifesting in his heart. And he could actually see his eternal relationship with Lord in the spiritual world.

(CURTAIN OPENS)

SCENE V

NDT MEDITATING (HALF STAGE) ---- DIM LIGHT.
OTHER HALF STAGE SLOWLY LIGHT

Radharani : When I meet Krishna every afternoon in the kunj, I see that the sakhis are serving him with utmost care. They make a special milk based preparation for him and Champaklata is the most efficient gopi in this service. You shall work under her direction boiling the milk and remember I become very happy if Krsna is happy.

Gopi : Yes (Singing)
(MILK BOILING)

Gopi : Oh! milk is boiling over. (takes the pot with hands and save it from spilling over. (OH!!!- Screams - her hands are burnt. Oh!!! krsna!!!)

(LIGHTS OFF)

NDT : MEDITATION BREAKS!! Oh!!, he tries to cover it with action.

(Jiva Goswami enters with Srinivas Acharya and Dukhikrsna das)

Jiva Goswami : Oh!!! Narottam!!! what happened to your hands!!!!

NDT : Nothing!! Nothing!!!

Jiva Goswami : I know what has happened! This is the mercy of devotional service.....Narottam, you are the manifestation of Mahaprabhu's love and with this love you will flood the entire universe. From this day on you will be known as Narottam Das Thakur Mahashoy, Srinivas - you will be known as Srinivas Acharya and Dukhi Krsna das, since you have brought pleasure to Srimati Radharani, you will be known as Shyamananda Pandit. There is a special mission for three of you. It is the desire of Jhanva devi, Rupa, Sanatana and our Lord Gauranga, that we send the manuscripts of the books written by the Goswamis to Bengal. In Bengal, vaishnavism is widely spreading but there is need of philosophical literature. These scriptures have to be sent there for duplications and distribution. Three of you should perform this service and now please go to all the vaishnavas, saints through out Vraja and get blessings. Narottam, Please take blessings of Loknath Goswami.

(LOKNATH GOSWAMI ENTERS)

Loknath Goswami : Srinivas, please take care of Narottam. Narottam, you should always remember Krishna by worshipping the dieties and spreading the sankirtan mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. You should dedicate your life and soul to this mission and there will be no impediments on your path. (ALL three BOWING DOWN TO LOKNATH GOSWAMI)

(CURTAIN CLOSES)

NARAHARI CHAKRAVARTI: Jiva Goswami made elaborate nice arrangement on an auspicious day to begin their journey. Jiva Goswami arranged one cart to carry the books and guards and brahmins to follow them and protect them. On their way, books were stolen by a King. Srinivas requested Narottam Das and Shymananda Pandit to go ahead in preaching that has been assigned to them and he will wait until he finds the books. Narottam Das Thakur reached Kheturi. Narottam das transformed the whole of Kheturi into Vaisnavas. He was teaching scriptures, love of god in a way that melted everyone's heart.

NDT began his preaching along with Ramchandra Kaviraj, the great disciple of Srinivas Acharya. They were preaching pure devotional service as Lord Caitanya empowered Rupa Goswami, to reveal to the world. The Brahmanas could not tolerate this because they were very much addicted to karma kanda and jnana kanda. NDT and Ramchandra Kaviraj were absolutely preaching Rupa Goswami's message that pure devotional service is free of any tinge of karma or jnana. So these brahmanas were very upset.

(CURTAIN OPENS)

SCENE VI

NDT and RK walking.....singing...

Brahmin(lepor) : NDT, NDT- I am the disciple and devotee of Bhagawati. I am (crying & weeping) covered with leprosy. I am a karma kandi Brahman. When I saw you, a low class person kayastha preaching about bhakti, I was angry that you are teaching against my whole religion. You are speaking against everything I've given my life to. I criticized you, I blasphemed you. Bhagawati appeared to me in a dream and told me that I am a demon and I am an ignorant fool and I had to suffer leprosy for my offenses to you and soon after that my body was consumed with leprosy, look!! Look!! I am a lepor NDT, I'll dumped be in hell, please forgive me NDT. Please forgive me!!! I beg to take the shelter of your lotus feet.

NDT : (placed his feet on this man's head) chant the holy name of krsna.(kirtan-----dance.)

Brahmin : OH! I am cured, I am cured. My leprosy has disappeared.

(Ganga Narayan Chakravarthy (GNC) enters running with Hariram and Ramkrishna.)

GNC : Yes, Yes! - (offers him obeisances). He is exactly the same as he appeared in my dream.

NDT : Hariram, Ramkrishna! I am so happy to see you! Who is this personality?

Hariram : He is GNC from the village of Gambile. He is a very very great scholar, high class brahmin. He is respected, honored by all the brahmins. He is very very pure in heart.

Ramkrishna : He has a great desire to accept you as his Guru Maharaj. He is very humble.

GNC : These 2 children are such great devotees. I was watching these 2 children. I've heard that they were herding the cubs who were going to be used for the sacrifice of goddess Durga. They listened to both your and Ramkrishna's discussion and their hearts changed. They let the cubs go and took shelter of your lotus feet. By your preaching and association, they became so powerful that their father Shivai Acharya was in rage. He forced them to debate with pandits. These 2 defeated all the pandits. Finally the father called, Murari panidt, the undefeatable, very learned, very proud scholar. He was a devotee of Bhagawati and he had tremendous wealth, followers and prosperity. Hariram debated with him and totally defeated him and Murari was so humiliated that he gave up all his wealth and just became a beggar. Since then I was thinking in my heart that you are so great that you have transformed these 2 children in being such scholar, such pure hearted saints. I have wasted my life in pursuit of vain mundane knowledge. People honor me, people glorify me but they are all ignorant. I have nothing. I am just gross

ignorant materialist attached to karma and jnana. I've wasted my life. I want to become pure like these 2 children. Will you, please, accept me?

NDT : Calm down, GNC, calm down.....

GNC : I had a dream last night. You appeared and placed your feet on my head and said tomorrow, I will meet you at river Ganga. Please, accept me, my master, please!!!!(falls at his feet)

NDT : What will all other brahmanas say about you?
(picked him up & embraces him)

GNC : I don't care anything about what these ignorant fools say about me, I am your servant.

NDT : Tomorrow, I'll initiate you.

(CURTAIN CLOSE)

NARAHARI CHAKRAVARTI : Another day, a brahman named Jagannatha acharaya surrendered his life to NDT. Meanwhile, some of the very very highly learned brahmanas of surrounding area- they were outraged to see that Jagannath acharya and GNC getting initiated by this non brahmin kayastha-NDT. They were angry and disturbed. The leader amongst them Rupa Narayan, approached the king.

(CURTAIN OPEN)

SCENE VII

(PALACE SCENE - KING ON THE THRONE)

Rupa narayan : My dear King, please listen to us. According to the vedic culture, brahmins are worshipable and lower caste must surrender to the Brahmins. But there seems to be no one to protect genuine religious principles. Because of this people are being misguided by imposters. Narottam das, has become a vaishnava and he is initiating brahmana. I cannot understand what kind of magic he is displaying to bewilder the people in this way. People say that he is a scholar but in my opinion, he is simply exhibiting his pride before the ignorant man of people.

Ray Nrsimha : I do not agree with you fully. I don't think that he is proud and wants to exhibit his prowess. I have heard that he is a humble, gentle, pure hearted saint.

Rupa Narayan : No, No, we don't agree with you. We must take some action.

(Rupa narayan looks at all others)

All brahmanas : Yes, Yes, you must do something. You are the king. You are responsible to protect our religion.

Ray Nrsimha : Ok, there should be a debate. If you are so confident about what he is doing is wrong then have a debate and prove it to him that he is bogus. If you can prove to him bogus, then I'll stop him from doing any preaching.

Rupa narayan : Would he dare face us! Let us go to his village and see the fun. I know that as soon as we arrive, he'll run away from that place. And my dear king, if you can rid the world of this imposter, you'll be praised throughout the land for maintaining the prestige of the brahmanas. You are the representative of God, empowered to keep order within society. You must do something. Let us all go to Kheturei. YES, YES!!!!

(CURTAIN CLOSE)

NARAHARI CHAKRAVARTI: Rupa narayan pandit with the King Ray Nrsimha and their servants went to Kheturi on a procession. News came to NDT. NDT said to his disciples that it appears we are going to have a debate. Ramchandra Kaviraj and GNC requested NDT that they will deal with the king and Rupa narayan. They dressed themselves as simple merchants selling betel nuts and clay pots on the outskirts of Kheturi.

(CURTAIN OPEN)

SCENE VIII

Ramchandra Kaviraj : I am ready with my betel nuts.

GNC : I am also ready. I think that the procession is coming.

Rupa narayan : (servants)- go, go and get some betel nuts and some refreshments.

Servants : (They were discussing in Sanskrit language!!!)
Eh! eh! betel nut seller - Can't you see us? We are the servants of the great king and have come with great pandit Rupa narayan. Stop talking and do the job. Give us some betel nuts. What is the cost?

Ramchandra Kaviraj : 2 annas

Servants to each other

Servant 1 : What?

Servant 2 : Did't you hear them talking in Sanskrit?

Servant 1 : How do you know sanskrit language? How could you speak such perfect Sanskrit? You are just low class merchants.

GNC : We are the disciples of NDT.

Servant 1 : Oh, NDT - our panditas have come here to challenge him and defeat him.

Ramchandra kaviraj : You are fools because you know nothing. If you want to keep your prestige, go and bring your teacher.

Servant to RN : Panditji, Panditji, you know here in Kheturi, the place of NDT, even the shopkeepers are great scholars. If you want to defeat Narottam Das, first you must defeat these merchants. If you cannot do so, we had better return home.

(All the Pandits come together to see)
(RK & GNC talking in sanskrit)

Pandit 1 : Oh, you tell yourself disciples of NDT - that Kayastha, just low class person and he dares to initiate brahmin. He is spoiling the vedic culture.

GNC : Which shastras mention about only brahmins have right to initiate? Vaishnavism is much higher than brahminism. In SB, there is story of Ambarish maharaja, Durvasa muni had to surrender to Ambarish Maharaj. Lord Brahma, Lord Shiva nor Lord Narayana could save him.

Ramchanra Kaviraj : Lord Narayana says I stay in my devotee's heart and my devotee stays in my heart.

(There was a debate between three of them – no words, only in action)

Local Villager 1 : When these panditas arrived, they appeared just like lions, but now after being defeated, they look more like dogs.

King Nrsimha : what is the way out now? If this betel leaves seller and clay pot seller of NDT have totally defeated us, then what is the hope of challenging their Gurudev!!

Rupa narayan : Yes, Yes, I am convinced that vaishnavism is superior to all other concepts of religion. Offenending vaishnavism opens the pathway to hell. Let us go and surrender at the lotus feet of Narottam das, otherwise our fate will be eternal residence in hell.

King Nrsihma : Yes, I was also thinking the same thing, lets go and surrender to him.

ALL : Narottam Das Thakur Mahashaya ki Jai!!!!
Narottam Das Thakur Mahashaya ki Jai!!!- (3 times)

(CURTAIN CLOSE)

NARAHARI CHAKRAVARTI: King Narsingha and his wife Rupamali surrendered at the lotus feet of NDT. Rupamali vowed to chant atleast 100,000 names rest of life. In this area many dacoits were living. The king of all dacoits was Harichandra rai. Chandra Rai was born as very high class Brahmin family but due to bad association in his early childhood, he became a demon. He acquired tremendous physical strength, his body was strong like a warrior and his heart was cold as ice and hard as steel, he was cruel, he thought nothing of murdering a Brahmin, kshatriya, vaisya, sudra, child, old person, men and women. He would kill anyone and anything even for the slightest profit. He was very powerful and so violent that he just created fear in other dacoits also. He had huge army and he became king of all dacoits. This army was coming with weapons and plundered everything. He took over village after village. He conquered one very wealthy district king and with his father and brother entered his palace and possessed tremendous wealth, gold, jewels, vast estate and whole land. The entire villages just evacuated and moved to distant place. He would rape women, burn houses, torture people. As a karmic reaction, a Brahman ghost entered his body.

(CURTAIN OPENS)

PALACE

SCENE IX :

Chandra rai : Aha!, this pain is intolerable. With a sword in these two hands, I've killed so many (lying in bed) people, with these two hands, I've burnt so many houses, I've trapped people and removed their intestines out, with this very feet, I've kicked and crushed hands, but now, I'm helpless. This pain is killing me. Riding on the horses, this body has conquered immense wealth and land, but today here I am, lying on this bed, helplessly. All the wealth that I've accumulated is of no use, not a single person is able to relieve me of this dreadful pain. Father, father , please do something, I am suffering.!!!!

Father : just see my son! He is suffering so much. He is such a strong person. He would cut off heads in one shot, stab and take intestines out. But now, my poor son is in agony. This ghost is torturing him. I 've tried all the physicians, mystics and exorcists.

Servant : Maharaj, one exorcist has come.

Father : Get him immediately.

Exorcist : (With a broom.....)

Chandra rai : (Screaming more loudly.....)

Exorcist : I am sorry. I m helpless. This is a very powerful ghost. It is a Brahman rakshas ghost. May be you offer 1000 goats and 100 buffaloes to Durga, if she is pleased, only she can do something.

Father : Go, immediately arrange for goats and buffaloes.

Chandra rai : Durga ! Ma! This pain is intolerable, Please, relieve me. Ma, please relieve me.

Durga(echo voice): Chandra rai! You cannot please me by offerings of goats and buffaloes. The only hope of your salvation is the mercy of NDT of Kheturi. Go-Go and surrender at his lotus feet. Only he can deliver you.

Chandra rai : Ma!! You spoke to me. Father, father, please get NDT.

(CURTAIN CLOSE)

NARAHARI CHAKRAVARTI: Chandra rai's father sent a message to NDT. He read the note to Ramcandra kraviraj and NDT.

NDT asked his intimate associates , they couldn't tell him what to do. NDT sat in mediation and prayed to Lord Gauranga to give him guidance. Lord Caitanya appeared and told him that- GO! I'll deliver Chandra rai through you. I'll personally free him from all sins and give him premabhakti. Go, give him initiation.

(CURTAIN OPENS)

SCENE X

Father : Please, come NDT, please come.

**Father
(to the Servant)** : Please bring the paraphernalia of puja.....

NDT : Just take me to your son. That is my business here.

Father : Here, here, here!!

Chandra rai : Oh, NDT, please relieve me of this suffering, please relieve me of this intolerable pain. If you do this, I'll give you anything and everything, whatever you want.

NDT : Hare krsna hare krsna krsna krsna hare hare
Hare rama hare rama rama rama hare hare
O Ghost! I'm ordering you on the name of lord Caitanya to leave, leave just now....

Chandra rai : (different voice) – My master! Due to my horrible sinful karma, I have had to live in this disgusting horrible body of Chandra rai but because you have glanced mercy upon me, I am now liberated and Chandra rai will be free from all sins. At this moment, I'll leave this body and I pray NDT, I pray that with your

mercy in my future births, I'll be born in Kheturi gram in your most auspicious holy abode, where I can be the servant of your servants.
(with those words Brahmin ghost left)

Chandra rai : Ha! All pains have vanished. I am again normal!!!! No tantrics, no yogis, no Exorcist could do this, what you've done, in just few seconds, because of your purity and love for Lord Gauranga. Actually Goddess Durga personally appeared to me and told me that only you can save me. This is only because of your mercy, NDT, it is only because of your mercy. I surrender my life at your lotus feet. Now, this life is yours. Gurudev, my whole life is sinful I've only killed people, raped women, burnt houses and tortured people, I've just accumulated only sinful karmas. But now, this greatest of sinners, most fallen Chandra rai, wants to surrender his life at your lotus feet. Please accept me, I want to change my life, I want to become a pure person, please accept this sinful person. Please, please teach me the manners of vaishnava culture.

NDT : Get up, Chandra rai! Get up! You've got the inconceivable mercy of Lord Caitanya. Please, change your life and dedicate at the feet of Lord Chaitanya. Chant the holy names of Lord Caitanya. Hare krsna hare krsna krsna krsna hare hare, hare rama hare rama rama rama hare hare, associate with devotees, serve the devotees in a humble mood. Always chant Hare krsna mahamantra in the mood of trinad api suni cena....

(CURTAIN CLOSE)

NARAHARI CHAKRAVARTI: Chandrarai became a devotee. He became a very humble, gentle vaishnav. There was a Mohammadean king who hated Chandra rai because he couldn't defeat him. But now taking advantage of humility, the king wanted to torture him. The king brought a mad elephant to kill Chandra rai, but Chandra rai pulled the elephant and he fell to the ground dead. King arrested Chandra rai and put him in the prison. He was treated like an animal. There was no air, no food just torturing by guards.

(CURTAIN OPENS)

SCENE XI

Chandra rai : Hare krsna hare krsna krsna krsna hare hare
Hare rama hare rama rama rama hare hare

Soldiers : (beating him-slaping him)

Guards : no water, no food- let's see how many days you will survive on the names of god. (Again kicks him)

Chandra rai : Krishna, Gauranga!!!

Tantric : I'm a mystic yogi. Your father has sent me here to free you. I've made a tunnel under ground to reach you.. I'm a devotee of kali and with special mantras, I've done this. Now you can also escape from the tunnel, if you chant this mantra to kali. First I'll whisper this mantra in your ear and then you chant and just see the miracle. You'll be free, out from this dark, hellish prison.

Chandra rai : No way!!! You get out from this place. I'm the disciple of NDT. He has given me my mantra. I'll not accept any mantra from anyone else. I'm the faithful, chaste, loyal disciple of Srila NDT. You get out from here and you tell my father that I'm very happy here chanting harinaam. The only suffering, I'm bearing is separation from lotus feet of my Guru Maharaj NDT. Get out.

Chandra rai : Hare krsna! Hare krsna!

King : Where is he? Aah!!! You are happily chanting your god's names. You are not affected at all by torturement. And the other day, you killed that elephant. How did you do that? **LAHOL WALA QUWAT!!!!** Where are you getting this power from! Tell me. Tell me. Who is giving you this power? How is that you are still living? This most horrible prison has no air, no light. I am depriving you of food and water. Still you are happy. You are not even trying to bribe me? Tell me what is this strength? You are always chanting God's names! You are so happy.

Chandra rai : I've not done anything. I prayed to my Gurudev and the power came to save my life. Its grace of Gurudev. I could do nothing. I've given my life to my gurudev. my guru is NDT. I humbly prayed to him, Gurudev, I'm your property. Gurudev, whatever you want you can do to me. So as the elephant was coming, he gave me power to pull him and he fell to the ground dead. And regarding my stay in prison, I understood, all the sins and all the pains I caused to everybody. This stay at imprisonment is just a very very meager insignificant reaction of my karma to everybody. This is just for my purification. I'm grateful that Krsna is giving me just purification through this. The only suffering I've is separation from NDT, my gurudev, my life and soul.

King : Oh Chandra rai! You have become a great saint. I'm very sorry that I punished you like this. Please forgive me. Allah, Allah, reham kar!! please forgive me, Chandra rai. I release you. Guards, take him wherever he wants in a procession.

(CURTAIN CLOSE)

NARAHARI CHAKRAVARTHY: Narottam Das and Ramcandra Kaviraj performed sankirtan along with Govinda Kaviraj and other devotees in the courtyard of Lord Gauranga's temple. Even, King Nrsimha, Chandra Rai joined them. After few days, Narottam das told his disciples that for a long time, you have not returned to your villages. Now, you should go and visit your families for few days. Ramcandra Kaviraj went to Jajigrama and from there he went to Vrindavana with Srinivas Acharya. Then the news came to NDT that Ramchandra Kaviraj has departed from this world. Being broken hearted Thakur Mahashaya ran to a dense forest.

(CURTAIN OPENS)

SCENE XII

Narottam das : (Crying loudly) - Ramchandra Kaviraj, Ramchandra Kaviraj, the associates of Lord Gauranga - Srivasa, Gadadhara, Svarupa Damodara. I am so unfortunate that i was not able to witness their pastimes. I was not even born at that time. Rupa, Sanatana, Sri Jiva, Sri Lokanatha Goswami, have disappeared. My eyes have become blind devoid of their association. I am living like an animal. The sorrows that I bear with in my mind cannot be told to others. I have lost all interest in my life. I am still living. What is the value of Narottam Das.....? (King Nrsimha,Rupa Narayan, GNC,Hariram, Ram Krishna----- crying with him) (Back ground)----- Je anilo prema dhana.....

NARAHARI CHAKRVARTHY: He developed very high fever. Devotees tried everything, but nothing helped. NDT ordered them to prepare his funeral pyre. He became completely still.(Black Out) No symptoms of life.

SCENE XIII

{ Funeral Pyre ----- a seat on top. NDT sitting on top of pyre (LIGHT)}

All devotees crying.....

Brahmana 1 : Ha, see this. This is the reactions of sins. This low born Kayastha, unqualified still initiated brahmanas and therefore he offended vedic culture. Because of this sin, he is seeing a miserable death. He is now not able to see or speak. He is dying of a horrible fear. This is all reaction of his sins.

Brahman 2 : Ganga Narayan, You are a brahmana, but became his disciple and discarded the practices of brahmana. Now, see, see, the true condition of your spiritual master. we cannot think what will happen to you as

GNC : Oh, Guru Maharaj, don't let this brahmanas offend you. You have saved so many offenders before. These envious people being ignorant of your prowess are cirticising you. We, your disciples feel very sad to hear their sharp words. Please, be favourable to them, save them from the hellish condition.

(suddenly, the body of NDT became very effulgent)

{He got up from the pyre uttering the names of " Radha, Krsna, Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu...." appearing more effulgent than the sun. Everybody started shouting....HARIBOL!!!HARIBOL!!!!HARIBOL!!!} (Demigods showering flowers from top)

NDT : Oh! Gauranga, Oh!! Vallabha Kanta!!! Oh, Radha Krsna!!! Oh, Radha Kanta!!! Oh, Brij Mohan, please rid me from the agony of this material world. Oh, Radha Raman!!! I lay at your lotus feet, please bless me that i always remember in you life and death.

All brahmanas : Oh! NDT, GNC, please forgive us. We are the most fallen sinners. If you don't forgive, we have no other hope. Please give us your mercy. we are the offenders at your lotus feet. Now, we've understood your glories.

NAROTTAM DAS THAKUR KI JAI !!!!!

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