Hare Rama Hare Krishna (Maha-mantra)

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हरे राम हरे राम राम राम हरे हरे ।

hare rāma hare rāma rāma rāma hare hare |

हरे कृष्ण हरे कृष्ण कृष्ण कृष्ण हरे हरे ॥

hare kṛṣṇa hare kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa hare hare ||

Meaning

A call to God by three names: Hare (O Hari; in the Gaudiya reading, O Hara — Radha, the divine energy), Rama and Krishna. It is an invocation rather than a sentence, and is valued for the chanting of the names themselves.

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