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Vasudeva Ghosh

Vasudeva Ghosh and his two brothers, Madhava and Govinda, are eternal associates of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and Sri Nityananda Prabhu. Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur states that they are immediate expansions of Srimati Radhika's body. The brothers expertly performed sweet melodious kirtans. Whenever they sang, Lord Chaitanya and Lord Nityananda would immediately dance in ecstasy. Every year they came for Ratha Yatra in Jagannatha Puri. They led the chanting in one of the seven kirtana groups arranged by Lord Chaitanya.

They were born in the family of Uttara-radhiya Kayasthas. Their father took up residence at Kumarahatta. After residing there for some time, the three brothers came to live at Navadvipa. All three of them composed very sweet songs describing the lilas of Sri Gaurasundar and Sri Krishna. They have particularly described the childhood pastimes of Gaura Hari, His sankirtana pastimes and acceptance of sannyasa, as well as descriptions of the beauty of Sri Nityananda prabhu.

According to Gaur-Ganoddesa-dipika, Sri Govinda, Sri Madhava and Sri Vasudeva were in Vraja-lila as Kalavati, Rasollasa and Guntinga (Guntungi) Sakhis..

Vasudeva and Madhava were sent with Nityananda to preach in Bengal. Govinda stayed for some time with Mahaprabhu at Nilacal. Every year they would come to Puri to see Mahaprabhu and perform kirtana during Rathayatra. Later in life they took up residences at different places. Sri Govinda lived in Agradvip, Sri Madhava in Dainhat and Sri Vasudeva in Tamluk.

**Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare**

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