A poem for Ganesha Chaturthi

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Adapted from Adi Sankara’s
महगनेश पञ्चरत्र स्तोत्रः

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अनादिविष्णुवासिनः
Omnipresent you always are
Oh Lord Ganapathy!

वाच्य जन्मवेभव {तदेव जन्मवेभव}
Still, today’s your birthday {Everyday’s your birthday}
Oh Lord Ganapathy!

पुषी वर्ष सुदामुना
Praise we do, with glee today
Oh Lord Ganapathy!

प्रवासितता जगतेऽ
Scattered ’round the universe
Oh Lord Ganapathy!

भवत्तदातालिनो
Falling at your lotus feet
Oh Lord Ganapathy!

भवत्तवृषभोहिनो
’Ntranced by your graceful frame
Oh Lord Ganapathy!

भवत्तकुपपारमीिनो
Seeking for your powerful grace
Oh Lord Ganapathy!

विनायका रत्न भ्रमे॥
Leaderless, we roam about
Oh Lord Ganapathy!

मुदाकरासमोदफळ
Enjoy you do the modakams
Oh Lord Ganapathy!

सदाविनिमुक्तसिः
Source are you of moksha-bliss
Oh Lord Ganapathy!

कलाभरवतसक
tMere ornament the moon to you
Oh Lord Ganapathy!

बिलासिलोकरकशकम्
Protector of the fourteen worlds
Oh Lord Ganapathy!

अनायकेकनायकः
The only Lord of the leaderless
Oh Lord Ganapathy!

विनायितेश्वरस्यः
Demon, destroyed, the pachyderm
Oh Lord Ganapathy!

नतापुभायाज्ञुनासः
Remove worries of devotees
Oh Lord Ganapathy!

नमामि ते विनायकम्॥
We bow to you, Oh! Ganesha
Oh Lord Ganapathy!
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anādiviśvavāsīnas-
Omnipresent you always are
Oh Lord Ganapathy!
tavādyā janmavaibhavam {sadaiva janmavaib-
havam}
Still, today’s your birthday {Everyday’s your
birthday}
Oh Lord Ganapathy!
numo vayam mudā’dhunā
Praise we do, with glee today
Oh Lord Ganapathy!
pravāsitā jagattale|
Scattered ’round the universe
Oh Lord Ganapathy!
bhavatpadāvalambino
Falling at your lotus feet
Oh Lord Ganapathy!
bhavatsvarūpamohino
’Ntranced by your graceful frame
Oh Lord Ganapathy!
bhavatkṛpāsamihino
Seeking for your powerful grace
Oh Lord Ganapathy!
vināyakā ratā bhrame||
Leaderless, we roam about
Oh Lord Ganapathy!
mudākarāttamodakam
Enjoy you do the modakams
Oh Lord Ganapathy!
sadāvimuktisādhakam
Source are you of moksha-bliss
Oh Lord Ganapathy!
kalādharāvatamsakam
Mere ornament the moon to you
Oh Lord Ganapathy!
vilāsilokarakṣakam|
Protector of the fourteen worlds
Oh Lord Ganapathy!
anāyakaikanāyakam
The only Lord of the leaderless
Oh Lord Ganapathy!
vināśitebhadaityaḥakam
Demon, destroyed, the pachyderm
Oh Lord Ganapathy!
natāśubhāśunāśakam
Remove worries of devotees
Oh Lord Ganapathy!
namāmi tam vināyakam||
We bow to you, Oh! Ganesha
Oh Lord Ganapathy!
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Meditatively

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No Time Signature

Voice

G phrygian

3

Voice

echo
(chorus and soloist)

5

Voice

solo

ana di visva svasi nas ana di visva-

Omnipresent you always are. Omnipresent you

12

Voice

solo

echo

va svi nas sadava jan ma vai bha vam sa-
al ways are. Every day is your birth day

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Every day is your birthday. Praise we do with glee today. Praise we do with glee today.

Scattered 'round the universe. Scattered 'round the universe.
Gat-ta-le bha-vad-pa-va-lam-bi-no bha-
un-i-verse. Falling at your lotus feet.

Vad-pa-va-lam-bi-no bha-vat-sva-rupamo-hi-

Falling at your lotus feet. En trance-d by your grace-ful

-no bha-vat-sva-rupamo-hi-no bha-vat-kr-

frame En-trance-d by your grace-ful frame Ask-ing
for your pow'rful grace  Asking for your pow'rful grace  Leader-less we roam about

Leader-less we roam about
71
Voice

72
Voice

73
Voice

74
solo
Voice

Enjoy you do the modakams

81
solo
Voice

modakams Source are you for moksha bliss
-davyimukti-sadhakam kaladhararav-

Source are you for moksha-bliss Mere ornament the

-tam-sakam kaladhararavatam-sakam vi-
moon to you Mere ornament the moon to you Pro-

-lasilokaraksakam vilasiloka-
tect you do the fourteen worlds Protect you do the
-ra-ksa-kam a-na-ya-kai-ka-na-ya-kam a-

fourteen worlds The Only Lord of the leader-less The

-na-ya-kai-ka-na-ya-kam vi-na-si-te-bha-
on-ly Lord of the leader-less Demon, destroyed, the

-dait-ya-kam vi-na-si-te-bha-dait-ya-kam na-

pa-chy-derm Demon, destroyed, the pa-chy-derm
Wipe out worries of devotees

We bow to you, Oh! Ganesha

We bow to you, Oh! Ganesha
tam vina-yakam vina-yakam namami tam nam
you Oh! Ganesha Oh! Ganesha We bow to you We

-mi tam vina-yakam vina-yakam Ga-
bow to you Oh! Ganesha Oh! Ganesha
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(Arranged by J. Sethuraman, adapted fr. Adi Shankara’s *Mahaganesh Pancharatna Stotram*, music by M. Froelich.)

This song is in 5 sections, with the first, third and fifth to be sung/improvised by a soloist on a phrygian scale (with raised 7th scale degree); and the second and fourth sections to be sung by the soloist, and echoed by a congregation. The total time of the song comes to approximately 5 minutes, but it is encouraged for the soloist to make extensive interpretations of the solo sections, and to take liberties with duration tempo. He/she may sing the syllable “ah”, or the three syllables “Ga-ne-sha” during these sections.

Notes and rests in parentheses apply if the song is to be sung in English.

Accompaniment is a simple drone bass with open fifths and octaves, and can be played on piano, organ, any stringed instrument with triple stops, or combinations of instruments in the range. Percussion is not written in, though any percussion would go well, especially with the second and fourth sections.