

Krsna leaves Vrindavana:

SB 10.39.28 — Let us directly approach Mādhava and stop Him from going. What can our family elders and other relatives do to us? Now that fate is separating us from Mukunda, our hearts are already wretched, for we cannot bear to give up His association even for a fraction of a second.

Context:

1. Akrura, messenger of Kamsa comes to take Krsna and Balarama back to Mathura.
2. Really Krura – he is taking life of their lives – Krsna.
3. Seeing elders and gopas supporting this, even Krsna himself not feeling anything, out of extreme anxiety –
 - a. call everyone foolish ppl
 - b. decide fate is against it
 - c. we have to take action – nothing can be worse than this.
 - i. We also do what if, but theirs is centered around Krsna.
 - ii. Rasa lila – they gave up everything. Here they are losing their life – they don't care of anything else.

Why is Krsna doing this to them:

1. Exoteric reason – to kill kamsa
2. Esoteric reason – to increase Gopis love for Him
3. Same as Lord Ram, washerman, sent Sita to forest.
4. Actually Krsna never leaves Vrindavan – Akrura takes Vasudeva Krsna back to Mathura
 - a. VCT – Yasoda is real mother of Krsna.
 - b. Only to increase Gopis love for Him.
 - c. Proof - later Akrura sees vishnu expansion.
5. Yes, there is pain. But it is add flavor to the relationship
 - a. Make it more tasty, more complete.
 - b. 5 primary rasas – 12 secondary – bhibhatsa, mana, etc.
 - c. Complete relationship - meeting, seperation, impending meeting, impending seperation.
 - complete meal - have different tastes
 - ayurvedic - 6 rasas – need to taste all else - stomach will get smaller.
 - d. Even in conjugal relationship we have all these moods – what to speak of Supreme Conjugal relationship.

Gopis situation is not understandable by us:

1. Find there is nothing worse could happen in their lives than this
2. Intense love that could not even bear separation for a nimisha – fraction of second.
 - a. Lord Caitanya – yugayitam nimisena
 - b. By the time we say nimisa passes we don't feel anything
 - we don't mind not hearing about Krsna for few hours
 - not seeing the diety for a day
 - many years r passed before K.C - how can one have that feeling - we need to understand their love.
 - Plain simple – we don't have that love.
 - Krsna Himself couldn't understand hence came as Lord Caitanya – to love and feel how the Gopis feel.

- That's what he is giving us freely to everyone – love in the wake of Gopis.

What is the mood in which we should read these verses:

1. Are they meant to make us depressed –
 - We r not there, we don't have love, so we should not discuss them?
 - No. S.P gave these for us but want us to be qualified
 1. Rupanugas - Following Srila Rupa instructions – start with controlling senses – Vaco vegam
 - To give us hope by following the process we could also be in such intense love with the Lord.
2. Gopi padakamalayor – the way they loved Krsna – just for his satisfaction.
3. More deeply understand what they feel/speak/do, we should grateful for our good fortune – that which is so rare (rasa dance – narada/ kamsa/ laxmi) is made easily accessible for us.
4. [humility] Understanding exalted position of the Gopis – like uddhava we should pray to be blade of grass in Vrindavana, so dust of Gopis feet can fall on our head
 - a. SB 10.47.61

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*āsām aho caraṇa-reṇu-juṣām ahaṁ syām
vṛndāvane kim api gulma-latauṣadhīnām
yā dustyajāṁ sva-janam ārya-pathaṁ ca hitvā
bhejur mukunda-padaviṁ śrutibhir vimṛgyām*

The gopīs of Vṛndāvana have given up the association of their husbands, sons and other family members, who are very difficult to give up, and they have forsaken the path of chastity to take shelter of the lotus feet of Mukunda, Kṛṣṇa, which one should search for by Vedic knowledge. Oh, let me be fortunate enough to be one of the bushes, creepers or herbs in Vṛndāvana, because the gopīs trample them and bless them with the dust of their lotus feet.

Śrī Uddhava here shows the perfect Vaiṣṇava attitude of humility. He does not pray to be equal to the gopīs in their exalted stage of love, but rather to take birth as a bush or creeper in Vṛndāvana so that when they walk upon him he will get the dust of their feet and thus be blessed. The shy gopīs would never agree to give such blessings to a great personality like Uddhava; therefore he cleverly sought to get such mercy by taking birth as a plant in Vṛndāvana.
