This hymn is a fervent appeal to the benevolent Man-Lion form of Lord Vishnu in the company of His consort Lakshmi.

Man-Lion (Narasimha) is one of the ten manifestations of Lord Vishnu assumed by Him to protect His devotee Prahlada and to slay Prahlada's father Hiranyakasipu. The form of Nrsimha in the company of His consort Lakshmi, known as Malola Nrsimha, is one of His nine Nrsimha forms which are enumerated in the following verse:

अवलोकितमालोक्रोकारारुजभाषवः।
योगानदशचत्रवतः पावनो नव मूर्ति: ॥

(1)

श्रीमत्योनितिधिनितनं चक्रपाणे
भोगीन्द्रभोगमणिरजितपण्यमूर्ते ॥

योगीश शक्ति शरण्य भवाभिषिपत
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

Oh! Lord Lakshminrsimha! one who has the holy milky ocean as the abode, the holder of the disc in the arm, the possessor of a meritorious form adorned by the gems of the lord of serpents (Sesha), the master of yogins, the eternal, the refuge, the boat for crossing the ocean of birth and death, extend to me (thy) supporting hand.

(2)

भवुन्द्रस्त्रस्वर्दकसक्रितकोटि
सदित्वादित्रिकमलामलकान्तिकान्ता ॥

लक्ष्मीलस्तक्रयवरोहराजक्रं
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥
Oh! Lord Lakshminrsimha! One who shines with pure luster of the lotus feet rubber by the countless crowns of Brahma, Indra, Rudra, Maruts, and Sun (and others), the royal swan that inhabits the lotus breasts of Goddess Lakshmi, extend to me (thy) supporting hand.

(3)

संसारदावदहनातुरभीकोरूः
ज्यालावलीमिरितंधतनूरुः
तत्तयपद्वससीशरणागतस्य
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम्

Oh! Lord Lakshminrsimha! extend (thy) helping hand to me who have resorted to the tank in the form of your lotus feet, (myself) being afflicted by the heat of the forest fire of worldly existence with hair burnt down by the frightening and extensive columns of fire.

(4)

संसारजालयतितस्य जगविवास
वर्तस्तर्थ्य-बदिशार्थ्यज्ञापमस्य
प्रोत्तक्षिणिमुक्तससीशरणागतस्य
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम्

Oh! Lakshminrsimha! Omnipresent! extend (thy) supporting hand to me who have fallen into the nets of worldly existence being drawn by the objects of all the sense-organs like fish drawn by the hook, with head and cheeks rent asunder.

(5)

संसारकृष्णमतिघोसगाधमूलं
संप्राप्त दुःखशतसर्पसमाकुलस्य
दीनस्य देव कृपया पदमागतस्य
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम्
Oh! Lord Lakshminrsimha! kindly extend (thy helping hand to me who has been tormented by serpents in the form of hundreds of miseries after having reached the bottom of the unfathomable well of frightening worldly existence and who in distress have resorted to your feet.

(6)
संसारसीकरकरीन्द्रकराभिधात -
निपिष्ठमर्गवपुष: सकलार्तिनाश।
प्राणप्रयाणभवसीतिसामाकुलस्य
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम्॥

Oh! Lord Lakshminrsimha! Lord - the destroyer of all miseries! extend (thy) supporting hand on me whose vital parts of the body have been ground by the bounding of the trunk of the frightening elephant of worldly existence, and who have been tormented by the fear of mundane life and death.

(7)
संसारसर्पघनवक्त्रमयोग्रतीयः-
दंशकराळविषदुविनमूलेऽ।
नागारिवहन सुधाधिनिवास शोरे
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम्॥

Oh! Lord Lakshminrsimha! Sauri (Vishnu) Resident of the milky ocean! One who has the enemy of the serpents (Garuda) as (your) vehicle! extend thy supporting hand to me who am ruined and burnt by the severe and dreadful poison from the fangs of frightening wide mouth of the serpent of worldly existence.

(8)
संसारुक्षमद्बीमणन्तर्कर्म -
शाखाशायं करणप्रत्रमन्त्राल्पम्।
आरूः हृ: खफलिनं पततो दयालो
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम्॥
Oh! Lord Lakshminrsimha! The most compassionate! extend (thy) helping hand to me who am falling from the tree of worldly life - the tree whose seeds are the sins, countless branches are the manifold acts, leaves are the sense-organs, flower is the Cupid, and fruits are the miseries.

(9)

संसारसागरविशालकरालकालः
नक्रग्रह्यमणिनिग्रहितविविविहस्यः
व्यग्रस्य प्रणालिचयोर्मनिपिंडितस्य
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम्॥

Oh! Lord Lakshminrsimha! extend (thy) supporting hand to me whose body is being seized and eaten up by the dreadful and deadly crocodiles in the ocean of worldly existence, and who have been frightened and afflicted by the tides of attachment.

(10)

संसारसागरनिमज्जनमुहुर्भमानं
दीनं विलोकय विभो करुणानिगम्य माम्।
प्रहलादेनविरोधप्रकृतावतार
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम्॥

Oh! Lord Lakshminrsimha! One who has manifested and dispelled the grief of Prahlada! Oh! Lord! The Treasure of compassion! look at me, the poor fellow, who am being stupefied on account of being drowned in the ocean of worldly existence.

(11)

संसारघोरघने चरतो मुचारे
भारोग्रीविकप्रवर्गरदितस्य।
आर्तस्य मत्सरनिदाधनिपिंडितस्य
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम्॥
Oh! Lord Lakshminrsimha! Enemy of Mura! extend (thy) supporting hand to me who am roaming about in the frightening forest of worldly existence, and who am tormented by the frightening king of animals (lion) in the form of Cupid and afflicted by jealousy in the form of summer.

(12)
बद्धवा गले यमभटा बुह तर्जयत्:
कर्षिन्ति यत्र भवपाशशतैरूं त माम।
एकाकिनं परवशं चकितं द्यालो
लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम॥

The servants of Yama (the God of death), having bound me in the neck, and threatening (me) repeatedly are dragging me somewhere, who am surrounded by hundreds of noose in the form of the worldly existence. Oh! Compassionate (Lord) Lakshminrsimha! extend (thy) supporting hand to me who am alone, a dependent and frightened.

(13)
लक्ष्मीपते कमलनाभ सुरेश विष्णो
वैकुण्ठ कृष्ण मधुसूदन एकराशस्॥
ब्रह्मण्य केशव जनार्दन वासुदेव
देवेश देहि कृपणस्य करावलम्बम॥

Oh! Lord of Lakshmi! One who has the lotus in the navel! Lord of the celestials! Lord Vishnu! Vaikuntha! Krishna! Slayer of the (demon) Madhu! Lotus-eyed! Brahman! Kesava! Janardana! Vasudeva! Lord of the Gods! extend (thy) supporting hand to (this) poor creature.

(14)
एकेन चक्रमपरेण करेण शधनवंसे सिन्धुतनयामवल्लय्ततिष्ठन
वामेतरेण वरंदामङ्गपत्रादिहैं लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम॥

Oh! Lord Lakshminrsimha! One who stands holding the disc in one (hand) and the conch in the other hand, and embracing the daughter of the ocean (Lakshmi) with yet another hand and (indicating) the propitiousness, protection and the lotus symbol with the right (hand)! extend (thy) supporting hand to me.
Oh! Lord Lakshminrsimha! extend (thy) supporting hand to me who am blind and who have been thrown into the dark well of infatuation by the powerful thieves called the sense-organs and whose great wealth of discrimination has been taken away.

Oh! (Lord) Lakshminrsimha! The resident in the hearts of the excellent devotees such as Prahlada, Narada, Parasara, Pundarika, Vyasa and others! One who is similar to the Parijata (tree) and compassionately protects the devotees! extend (thy) supporting hand to me.

This hymn which yields good in (this) world has been composed by the honey-bee Sankara resting on the lotus feet of (Lord) Lakshminrsimha. Those people who read this (hymn) with devotion to Vishnu will reach that blissful lotus feet (of Lord Lakshminrsimha).