

**One can observe what Srila Prabhupada wanted us to do by what he did.**

Having spent six years on and off with him, often being with him in the room, many times a day, he also told us things and expected that those he told, especially his servants and GBCs and others would tell everyone. Mostly, so as to not discourage, Srila Prabhupada did not respond to things that he did not like, but privately would make a comment to "one of us" near him. He told me in general why he refrained from comments and restrained his correction to groups, "the spiritual master never acts in such a way as to discourage the disciple." If you have access to the ITV DVD on which I speak you can listen to my comments on instructions Srila Prabhupada gave me on kirtan.

Regarding *Radhe*. In Vraj, it has become common that people greet each other with *Radhe Radhe*. Of course many in Vraj would come to visit Srila Prabhupada, many of them his old friends. Quite a few would say *Radhe Radhe* and also on walks greet him with the same.

Always, and I went on at least maybe 50-100 walks in Vraj with him (I can look up how many if you like) and sat in his room with him that many times or more and never did Srila Prabhupada say *Radhe Radhe* but would say back with folded hands *Hare Krishna*.

When devotees would chant *Nitai Gaura* or *Hari Bol*, Srila Prabhupada would just smile, but he himself never chanted that, nor anything else, save and except

*Govinda Jaya Jaya, Gopala Jaya Jaya*

. In relationship to

*Nitai Gaur Hari Bol*

, Srila Prabhupada told his servant who immediately told me, “they will chant

*Nitai Gaura Hari Bol*

and we will chant

*Hare Krishna*

and go back to Godhead”.

I believe it was in Braj, but I am not certain, that in response to a greeting of *Hari Bol*, Srila Prabhupada replied, “Don’t say

*Hari Bol*

, DO

*Hari Bol*

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*Hari Bol*

literally means chant the names of God. It is almost close to a joke Srila Prabhupada made, that when we ask them to chant they say can’t can’t can’t, taking more syllables than the chant, at which he would laugh at that joke.

Well if it was in one in 1974, then it must be a valid line.

We used to sing “*Lokanath lokera jivana*” for Prabhupada in India too, while he was [there].

In another vein, and you can check the Folio, Prabhupada said, “They say *Radhe, Radhe*, but we say,

*Hare Krishna*

. And an awful lot of devotees have gotten the habit of saying

*Radhe, Radhe*

which no one thinks much of. We are the

*Hare Krishna People*

and it would be nice if some people in influential places could remind their friends and/or dependents.

(*Edited slightly for readability*)