



ever she entered Srila Prabhupada's presence, and she determined to record virtually anything he said. She always remembered and sometimes quoted from the above lecture, especially about Maya's influence. She also noted that the tenor of Srila Prabhupada's preaching was changing. Before, while he preached the philosophy, he encased it in layers of humor, tolerance and sweetness—allowing the devotees to take the sometimes difficult-to-swallow medicine of the philosophy with a smattering of honey. Now she noticed he was more direct, more grave and more pointed in his preaching, revealing more and more of the fundamental philosophy, practice and etiquette of Krishna *bhakti* to them—in this case, the true position and purpose of initiation.

Yamuna realizes that everything Prabhupada says is extremely important, so she vigilantly records every talk he gives ... She and Gargamuni arrange to record him singing *Vande ham* and the prayers from *Brahma Samhita*.

—RADHA DAMODAR VILASA

Yamuna noted that as he gently played the *kartals* during the recording of the verses from the Fifth Chapter of the *Brahma Samhita*, he displayed a mood of ecstasy as he chanted, and this can be heard clearly on the recording. This particular recording of *Vande ham* always remained very dear to Yamuna, as Srila Prabhupada can be heard, voice breaking, as he becomes ever more deeply absorbed in the prayers.

Srila Prabhupada continued his program of morning walks, and Yamuna took every opportunity to join them. She would often greet him outside his Willard Street apartment and garland him with a lovely garland, usually made from the abundant rhododendrons surrounding the park. And then their small group would walk briskly beside Srila Prabhupada. In this intimate setting, interspersed with chanting *japa*, he would expand on his plans for a World Sankirtan Party as well as his plan to take them to India. Yamuna cherished these walks, and later, whenever Srila Prabhupada brought up his fondness for these early years in San Francisco, he mentioned the walks in Golden Gate Park.

Yamuna: In the early San Francisco period, Srila Prabhupada allowed us to

