Advent of Lord KrishnaDistress on Earth (Narrator):Once Mother Earth, known as Bhumi, assumed the form of a cowShe went to see Lord Brahma with tears in her eyes to tell8Of the burden on the earth from the unnecessary defense forceOf kings who were really demons but were posing as the rulersHearing of the distressed condition on the EarthLord Brahma started at once for the ocean of milkBhumi and all the demigods accompanied himAnd they prayed for Lord Vishnu to save themWithin the heart of Brahma, Lord Vishnu gave His replyBrahma then told the demigods so they would all complyAnd the message was that very soon, Lord Krishna would appearTo execute His mission upon the planet EarthThe demigods and their wives should immediately take birthIn the dynasty of Yadu wherein the Lord would comeAnd they should all remain there to assist HimVasudeva’s Promise (Narrator):Once upon a time, Vasudeva, just after marrying DevakiWas going home on his chariot along with her father’s dowryKamsa, her brother, was driving and as they were passing throughA voice from the sky said, “Kamsa, you fool, your sister’s eighth child will kill you!”Kamsa grabbed Devaki’s hair and raised his sword to kill herBut Vasudeva began to speak, astonished by Kamsa’s behavior:(Vasudeva): My dear brother-in-law, KamsaYou are the greatest warrior. How is it you are so infuriatedYou’re prepared to kill your sister on this auspicious day; why should you be so afraid? Why should you be so afraid of death? Your death is born along with your birth At death, this body is annihilated, See the plantworms change from twig to twig Carefully, so we accept our next bodyThese bodies are like we see in a dream. When awake, we forget just who we’ve beenWe’ve also forgotten our bodies of the past And by our mental condition at death, accordingly we take our birth The luminous planets like the moon and stars show their reflections on reservoirs The moving water makes the moon seem to move So we think: with these bodies we have some connection, but this is due to illusionOn account of illusion, we think we belong to a certain place or to the human formSuch mental concoction and desire are the cause of a body we don’t requireTherefore, I beg you not to listen to your body and mind’s dictationKamsa, please consider: you have no danger from your sisterIf there are sons in the future, I promise I shall present them to youThe Danger (Narrator):In time, Devaki and Vasudeva gave birth to eight sons and a daughterVasudeva took the first-born son and brought him before King KamsaKamsa was pleased that the promise was kept and began to speak as follows:(Kamsa):My dear Vasudeva, you need not present this child to meThe danger is to come from the 8th-born son of DevakiWhy should I accept this child unnecessarily? You can take him backNarada’s Warning (Narrator):Narada Muni was anxious to accelerate Lord Krishna’s descentNarada Muni came to Kamsa, the king and spoke this warning:(Narada):Kamsa, beware! The demigods are taking birthIn the families of cowherd men and their wivesAnd on the other side, Vasudeva and others born in the family of VrishniIn the Yadu dynasty, all are preparing for the appearance of the LordKamsa, beware the demigods are taking birthThey have come to assist Lord Vishnu. Kamsa become alertThe demigods are taking birth; Kamsa, become alert; Lord Vishnu will be coming soon!Advent of Lord Krishna (Krishna):Vasudeva and Devaki are prison-bound by KamsaLying in Devaki’s womb is My expansion, SesaYogamaya, transfer Sesa to the womb of RohiniThen I shall become the son of Vasudeva and DevakiIn Vrindavan, you take birth from Nanda and YasodaAs their daughter, you’ll be known as Durga and Ambika(Narrator):The Lord of the whole creation, Krishna, entered within the mind of VasudevaThen like rays of the setting sun are transferred to the rising moonSo Lord Krishna’s form of eternity was transferred to the mind of DevakiFrom the mind of Vasudeva within the prison of King KamsaSeeing the beauty of his sister, Kamsa knew who had come within her(Kamsa):What can be done with Devaki? Krishna is in her wombSeeing her wonderful beauty, surely Lord Vishnu has come!If I kill Devaki now, I would lose my reputationAnd if Krishna is to kill me, no one can stop His missionI will await the inevitable future, then kill the baby when He is deliveredPrayers by the Demigods Dear Mother Devaki, within your womb the Supreme Personality of Godhead has come Krishna will appear with Balarama; Do not be afraid of your brother, King KamsaLord Krishna is true to His vow, and He comes within this material worldSo that the pious will be protected and the demons will be destroyedBefore creation Krishna was existing, and within Him everything is restingAfter creation Krishna will remain; so He is the truth for all of time Our dear Lord, You are personally here to show Your actual form And one can meditate upon Your lotus feet at any time Your feet are the boat to cross the ocean of material existence And devotees find that ocean reduced to the water in a calf’s hoofprint So they simply cross over immediately, and the boat of Your feet Is never taken away from this side of that oceanYour transcendental form and Your holy nameYour pastimes and qualities; all are the sameThis absolute nature that is Yours can only be known to one who servesWith love and devotion. Oh dear Lord, such a soul returns to the spiritual world You are always unborn; we find no reason for You to descend Demons can be killed by material nature, so it must be of Your own sweet pleasure You come and meet with Your loving devotees. Oh Lord, please protect us throughout our livesDear Mother Devaki, within your womb the Supreme Personality of Godhead has comeKrishna will appear with Balarama; Do not be afraid of your brotherDo not be afraid of your brother, King KamsaSigns of Good Fortune (Narrator):When the time was mature for the Lord to appear, signs of good fortune were everywhereThe stars and planets above the earth; all were adjusted for Krishna’s birthThe rivers were running full of water. Lakes were filled with lotus flowersWithin the forest, birds were singing. Peacocks danced, and the wind was pleasingBrahmanas lit the sacred fires, and their minds were joyful to hearLoud vibrations of transcendental sound proclaiming Lord Krishna would soon appearThe time was mature for the Lord to appear, and signs of good fortune were everywherePrayers of VasudevaSee the wonderful child born as a baby with four handsHolding the signs of Lord Vishnu, the Supreme Personality of GodheadHe is dressed in yellow silk, wearing jewels and ornaments In my mind I will have a celebration And give many thousands of cows to the brahmanasSee His eyes are lotus-like, and His hair is fully-grownHe is dazzling like a bright, blackish cloud. He is very wonderful!Prayers of DevakiMy dear Lord, You have millions of eternal forms of incarnationAnd they all exist outside of this material creationAfter this creation ends, You will remainWith Your transcendental pastimes and Your holy nameEveryone is under the control of timeBy time you are directing whatever we doSo I offer my respectful obeisancesFor You are the Supreme Lord, VishnuO my Lord, please save me from the cruel hands of Kamsa; I pray to You to rescue meI’m in a most fearful condition, and You are always ready to give Your servitor protectionAll the souls who live within this temporary worldAre continually fleeing from one body to anotherBut their ongoing fear of death will ceaseWhen they come to rest under Your shelterPlease, save me from the cruel hands of Kamsa; I pray to You to rescue meI’m in a most fearful condition, and You are always ready to give Your servitor protectionYou hold the symbols of Lord Vishnu, but please conceal this four-armed formJust assume the form of an ordinary child, for Kamsa may harm you if he knows You are bornAll this universe will some day enter into You, yet You came in my womb by Your mercyI’m surprised You’d imitate an ordinary man just to please meMy dearest Lord, please save me from the cruel hands of Kamsa; rescue me somehowMy only fear is Kamsa may harm You, so please protect me nowPlease protect me now