Padmapadan

Separation from him is unbearable. I am no padmapada for lotus to bloom at every Let me hide these untamed tears Under the pretext of bowing to my master's feet. No flood of tears daunted me While the sunlight of his love Flowed through the entire world. When I stepped hearkening to his call Blossoming lotuses popped up to support my feet-Was it my excellence that performed that feat? Oh preceptor of Dharma! you have nourished me both as father and as father and as mother. How am I to sustain myself in a world That has dropped down, severed from you? You, my index finger! let your tip Ever remain pressed softly to the thumb. Let the beam of my love Remain focused on what is yet to be Till the end, till the very end.

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