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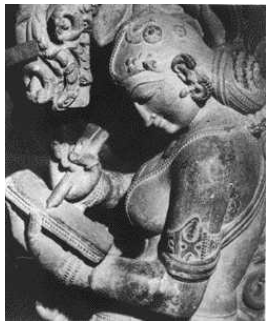


Krishna and Arjuna ('The Mahabharata')

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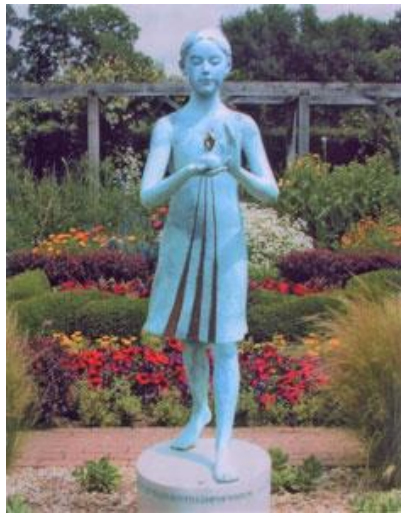
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सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु
मा कश्चिद् दुःखभाग्भवेत्

May all be happy,

May all be without disease,

May all creatures have well-being

And none be in misery of any kind.

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