Azhwar songs on Ram-Sethu

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Om Namo Narayana!

The Nalayira Divya Prabandham composed by the 12 Alvars, the patron saints of Vishishta-dvaita/Ramanuja Sampradaya. There are numerous references to Rama-sethu/Rama’s bridge in their songs. Here are some gems:

ரகின தாேல ைரகட தைன நலைய அைணக நந லைக
அரக அவய அ கைண யாேல
எந்திய காக்களா சபாண நமிய ஈ்யேன சபாண (Periyalwar)

These are the hands rained arrows and destroyed the demons of Lanka, after building a bridge across the ocean strait with a monkey army. Clap Young One. O, Lord who wields the discus, clap Young one

மைலயதனா லைணக மதிளலைக யழிதவேன
அைலகடைல கைடதமர கைடளெச கணரெத கமணேய
சிலவலவ சவகேன சீராம தாேலேலா (Kulasekara Alwar)

Sleep, my brave bow-wielding Srirama, lullaby (a quiet, gentle song sung to send a child to sleep) ! O Dark-gem-Lord of Kannapuram (a temple town in Tamilnadu), where master craftsmen reside! You made a bridge of rocks across the ocean and destroyed the fortified Lanka. You churned the Milk Ocean and gave nectar to the gods!

கலகமா கடலல6 பணெச5ய அவைரயைணக இலைகமாநக# ெபாெச5த வகதா6 இ2தநலிமயA, வலகேபா வனவறலிC சினதன ேவழகAயDர,பலெகா வாெளயEறய பதித பதிெசறைடெநCேச (Thirumangai Alwar)

Monkeys came to help throwing rocks and rubble over Ocean to build the bridge, O! Burning down the City Lanka in the golden past, --he’s Resident of Himavan peaks. Mountain-like and strong elephants do call in rut and gather in the forest above, Where the roaring lions majestically do stalk in Piriti (holy place), --O, Go to, my heart!
With bow and arrow, the Lord went through the forest roamed by wild deer, elephants and horses, then made a bridge of rocks over the lashing sea, entered the fortified Lanka city. He stood in the battlefield, and removed the ten heads of the demon-king victoriously. Go to Him in Saligrama O Heart!

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Following are some of the important texts, where one can find references about the holy place Rameswaram –Sethu.

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