

41. Then taking up a haughty mood she spoke to herself.

*Pārvatī said:—*

42. “Alas, he did not wait for a moment. Why should he force his way in ? What shall be done now ? Or shall I adopt a humble attitude.

43. What is to happen happens. What is done cannot be altered ?” After saying this, Pārvatī sent her again lovingly.

44. The friend came to the door and told Gaṇeśa what Pārvatī had said with affection.

*The friend said:—*

45. O gentle sir, well done. Let them not enter forcibly. What are these Gaṇas before you ? Can they win a person like you ?

46. Whether good or bad let your duty be done. If you are conquered there will be no further enmity at all.

*Brahmā said:—*

47. On hearing the words of the friend and his mother Gaṇeśvara became highly delighted, strengthened and lifted up.

48. Girding up his loins, tying his turban firmly and clapping his calves and thighs, he spoke fearlessly to all the Gaṇas.

*Gaṇeśa said:—*

49. I am the son of Pārvatī. You are the Gaṇas of Śiva. Both of us are thus equal. Let your duty be done, now.

50. You are all doorkeepers. How is it that I am not ? You are standing there and I am standing here. This is certain.

51. When it is certain that you are standing here, you must carry out the directions of Śiva.

52. O heroes, now I have to carry out the orders of Pārvatī faithfully. I have decided what is proper.

53. Hence, O Gaṇas of Śiva, you shall listen with at-