

else. Hair stood on ends all over his body, as he continued seeing her with delight.

34. Then Pārvatī went out of the city, worshipped the family goddess and returned to her parental abode along with the brahmin women.

35. Śiva went to the apartments indicated by Himācala, joyously along with the gods, Viṣṇu and Brahmā.

36. All of them stayed there with joy, attending on Śiva. They were duly honoured by Himavat, the mountainous lord.

## CHAPTER FORTYSEVEN

*(The ceremonious entry of Śiva into the inner apartments  
of the palace of Himavat)*

*Brahmā said:—*

1. Then the chief of mountains caused the investiture rite with the sacred thread for Pārvatī and Śiva with the Vedic hymns recited enthusiastically.

2. Then Viṣṇu, the other gods and the sages entered the inner apartments of the palace of the mountain enthusiastically at the request of Himācala.

3. After performing the conventional rites in accordance with the Vedic injunctions and the social customs they decorated Pārvatī with the ornaments provided by Śiva.

4. First of all she was bathed, then bedecked with the ornaments. The Nirājana rites too were also performed by the maids and brahmin women.

5. The daughter of the mountain and the beloved of Śiva, the lovely lady shone with the pair of fresh clothes.

6. O sage, an exquisite divine jacket studded with various gems was worn by the goddess who shone all the more.

7. She wore a necklace studded with divine gems. Costly bangles of pure gold were worn by her.