

8. The lovely lady, the daughter of the great mountain, the mother of the three worlds staying there itself meditated on Śiva and shone thereby.

9. Then there was great jubilation delighting both the sides. Different kinds of charitable gifts were distributed among the brahmins.

10. Monetary gifts were distributed among others. They were diverse. Many songs were sung jubilantly.

11. Then Viṣṇu, I the creator, Indra and other gods as well as the sages joined in jubilation with great pleasure.

12. Then after bowing humbly to Pārvatī with devotion and remembering the lotus-like feet of Śiva they returned to their camps obtaining the permission of Himavat.

13. In the meantime Garga, a great expert in the science of astrology, spoke to Himavat, the lord of mountains.

*Garga said:—*

14. O Himavat, O lord, O father of Pārvatī, now fetch Śiva to your palace for the marriage rites.

*Brahmā said:—*

15. On realising that the auspicious time for the marriage rites had been intimated by Garga, the mountain rejoiced much.

16. With the desire to bring Śiva there, the mountain gladly sent mountains, brahmins and others.

17. The mountains and brahmins with auspicious holy objects in their hands jubilantly went to the place where lord Śiva stood.

18. Then the sound of the Vedic chants, musical instruments, songs and dances jubilantly arose there.

19. On hearing the loud sound of musical instruments trumpets etc. the attendants of Śiva simultaneously got up joyously along with the gods and sages.

20. With great joy in their minds they said to one another—"O here come the mountains to take Śiva over there !