

41. Thus when Kumāra came out victorious the gods were happy. The three worlds attained great pleasure.

42. On knowing about the victory of Kārttikeya, Śiva came there joyously with his beloved and the Gaṇas.

43. He took his son on his lap and fondled him with pleasure. Pārvatī in her flutter of affection took Kumāra, resplendent as the sun, on her lap and fondled him with pleasure.

44. Then Himavat came there along with his sons, kinsmen and servants. He eulogised Śiva and Guha.

45. The delighted gods, Gaṇas and sages, Siddhas and Cāraṇas eulogised Pārvatī, Śiva and the son of Śiva.

46. The secondary gods poured a great shower of flowers. The chiefs of Gandharvas sang. The celestial damsels danced.

47. The musical instruments were played sweetly then. Frequent loud shouts of "Victory" and "Obeisance" were raised.

48. Viṣṇu too in my company was very glad. He respectfully eulogised Śiva, Pārvatī and Kumāra.

49. Keeping Kumāra in front, Brahmā, Indra and other gods performed the rite of Nīrājana lovingly. Other sages too did likewise.

50. Then there was great jubilation with vocal and instrumental music and chantings of the Vedas. Hymns too were sung.

51. The lord of the universe was eulogised, O sage, by the delighted gods and Gaṇas by means of vocal and instrumental music.

52. Then eulogised by all, lord Śiva along with Pārvatī the mother of the universe, went to his mountain surrounded by the Gaṇas.