

Himavat excessively delighted went ahead seated in a divine vehicle.

6-7 The chief priest, the citizens, the maids, the kinsmen and also others accompanied them. All the brothers with Maināka, the eldest, accompanied them highly delighted and crying shouts of victory.

8-12. The auspicious waterpot was placed in the main highway decorated with sandal paste, aguru, musk and branches of trees with fruits. The priests, brahmins and sages reciting the Vedas, dancing girls, all went ahead seated on lofty elephants to receive her. All round stumps of plantain trees were fixed. Women along with their sons and husbands held lamps in their hands. Brahmins were shouting mantras etc. in an auspicious voice. Various instruments were played. Conch shells were sounded. In the meantime Pārvatī reached the outskirts of the city. Entering the city she saw her parents again.

13. On seeing the parents rushing at her in their great delight, she gladly bowed to them along with her maids.

14. They gave her their blessings and embraced her. Saying "O darling," they shed tears in their excitement of love.

15. Women near and dear as also the wives of her brothers embraced her closely with great pleasure.

16. "A great task has been well accomplished by you. It has saved the whole family. All of us are sanctified by your noble conduct".

17. Praising her with these and similar words they bowed to her with great delight. They worshipped her with sandal paste and sweet scented flowers in great joy.

18. At that time the gods, seated in their aerial chariots in the sky, showered auspicious flowers, bowed to and eulogised her with hymns.

19. Then the Brahmins and others joyfully took you within the city in a resplendent chariot.

20. Then the brahmins, the maids and other women took her within the house with due honour.

21. O great sage, ladies performed her ceremonial ablution; the brahmins offered benedictions. Himvat and Menakā rejoiced much.