

*Arundhatī said:—*

13. O Menakā, get up. O chaste lady, I, Arundhatī, have come to your house. The seven sages of sympathetic nature have also come.

*Brahmā said:—*

14. On hearing Arundhatī's voice, Menā got up quickly and bowed to her who was on a par with Lakṣmī in her brilliance.

*Menā said:—*

15. Ha, what a meritorious thing is this ! We are blessed. Arundhatī, the daughter-in-law of the Creator of the universe, the wife of Vasiṣṭha, has come here.

16. O gentle lady, what for is your visit now ? Please tell me specifically. My daughter and I are your slaves. Be merciful to us.

*Brahmā said :—*

17. Arundhatī, the chaste lady thus addressed, advised her in various ways and returned to the place where the sages were seated.

18. Then they began to advise the lord of the mountains, after thinking on the feet of Śiva. They were clever in speech and they spoke respectfully.

*The sages said:—*

19. O lord of the mountains, may our words, the cause of everything auspicious, be heard. Give Pārvatī to Śiva. Become the father-in-law of the world-destroyer.

20. For the destruction of Tāraka, formerly Brahmā requested Śiva who is the lord of all and who does not beg of any one, to strive for this alliance.

21. Śiva, the foremost of Yogins was not eager to marry. But since requested by Brahmā, the lord agreed to take your daughter.

22. Pārvatī performed a penance and the lord promised her. Thus for these two reasons the lord of Yogins wishes to marry her.