

his eyes raised to Heaven. Verily He is an adept in divine sports.

54. O Viṣṇu, a form of mine like this shall be manifested through my limbs and shall be glorified as Rudra in the world.

55. He is my full form and perfect manifestation. He is worthy of being worshipped by both of you. He shall fulfil your desires entirely. He is the cause of dissolution, the presiding deity of attributes, the practitioner of perfect Yoga without anyone to exceed.

56. All the three deities are my forms. But Śiva is particularly my full manifestation O sons, Śivā's forms too shall be three.

57. The form Lakṣmī is Viṣṇu's wife; Brahmā's wife is Sarasvatī. The perfect form Satī shall become Rudra's wife.

58. After saying this, the great lord blessed us and vanished. We bent our heads and joined our palms in reverence and returned to our respective abodes. Engaged in our own tasks we were very happy.

59. In due course we secured our wives. Śiva incarnated as Rudra at Kailāsa, His residence.

60. O lord of subjects, Śivā too shall incarnate as Satī. An effort shall be made for Her future incarnation.

61. After saying this, Viṣṇu blessed me and vanished. I rejoiced much and my jealousy disappeared altogether.

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

(Hymn to Durgā; Brahmā granted a boon)

*Nārada said:—*

1. O Brahmā, dear, of great intellect, please tell me, O most eloquent one. When Viṣṇu went away what happened? O what did you do?

*Brahmā said:—*

2. O Brahmin, best of my sons, listen attentively to what I did when the lord Viṣṇu went away.