

22. When the hips of all the gods are broken and Pārvatī is fiery in rage, none of them dare stand before her.

23-24. Whether a person belonging to her or to others, whether a god, a demon, a Gaṇa, a guardian of the quarters, a Yakṣa, a Kinnara, a Sage, Brahmā, Viṣṇu or even lord Śiva himself, none could stand before Śiva.

25. On seeing her dazzling brilliance, burning all round, all of them were frightened and they stayed far away.

26. In the meantime, O sage Nārada, you of divine vision came there for the happiness of the gods and Gaṇas.

27. After bowing to me, Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Śiva and discussing jointly, he said—"Let us think and act together."

28. The gods then discussed with you of noble soul "How could our misery be quelled." They then said.

29. As long as the goddess Pārvatī does not favour us there will be no happiness. No suspicion need be entertained in this matter.

30. You and other sages went to Pārvatī in order to appease her anger. They then propitiated her.

31. They bowed to her again and again. They eulogised her with many hymns. They tried to please her with devotion and at the behest of the gods and Gaṇas spoke thus.

*The celestial sages said:—*

32. O Mother of the universe, obeisance to you. Obeisance to you, O Śivā. Obeisance to you. O Caṇḍikā. Obeisance to you, Kalyāṇī.

33. O mother, you alone are the primordial Śakti. You are the eternal cause of creation. You alone are the sustaining power. You alone are the cause of dissolution.

34. O goddess, be pleased. Spread peace. Obeisance be to you. O goddess, the three worlds are agitated by your fury.

*Brahmā said :—*

35. The great goddess Pārvatī thus eulogised by you