

*Nārada said :—*

11. How did she perform penance? Why and where? How did she cast off her body and become the daughter of Medhātithi?

12. What did the deities Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Śiva command her to do? and how did she choose the noble-souled Vasiṣṭha of praiseworthy rites as her husband?

13. I am eager to hear all these things. O Grand Father, tell me in detail the story of Sandhyā precisely.

*Brahmā said :*

14. Formerly on seeing Sandhyā, my daughter, I cherished a love for her, which, being afraid of Śiva, I forsook.

15. Sandhyā's mind too was shaken on being stirred by Kāma's arrows. The same had happened with the mind of the noble-souled sages who had so far curbed their minds.

16-17. She had heard the words of Śiva to me couched in mocking terms. She had realised that her mental aberration in regard to the sages was beyond decency. She had seen the attitude of Kāma culminating in the delusion of the sages, frequently. Hence Sandhyā was excessively distressed with respect to her marriage.

18-19. O sage, then I cursed Kāma. Śiva left the place and I too disappeared. Thus her support was lost. So, O excellent sage, Sandhyā became furious. Then, my daughter considered all these things and meditated.

20. Meditating on the recent events, she of great fortitude mused what befitted the situation.

*Sandhyā said :—*

21. Seeing me as a lady in the prime of my youth even at my nativity, my father, prompted by Kāma, cherished a lustful desire for me.

22. The minds of the sages, the mental sons, reputed to be pure in mind, on seeing me became lustful breaking the conventions.

23. My mind too was excessively stirred up by the wicked Kāma, as a result of which, on seeing those sages it too became excessively shaken.