

25. Saying thus with great love he made all of us, the lord, Viṣṇu and others stay there for many days, honouring us duly every day.

26. Thus many days elapsed as the gods continued to stay there. Then the gods sent the seven sages to the lord of the mountains.

27. They enlightened the mountain and Menā with what was relevant to the occasion. They told them about Śiva's principles with due praise.

28. O sage, the proposal was agreed to by the great lord. Then Śiva went to the mountain to tell him about the intended journey, along with the gods and others.

29. When the lord of gods started on his journey towards his mountain along with the gods, Menā cried aloud and told the merciful lord.

*Menā said:—*

30. O merciful lord, do mercifully protect Pārvatī. You are quickly pleased. Hence you will please forgive even a thousand faults in her.

31. My dear daughter is devoted to your lotus-like feet in every birth. Even sleeping or awake she does not think about anything else.

32. O conqueror of death, even on hearing about your devotion she is filled with tears of pleasure and horripilation. On hearing your censure she becomes silent as though dead.

*Brahmā said:—*

33. Saying this, Menakā dedicated her daughter to Him and crying aloud became unconscious in front of them.

34. When she regained consciousness, Śiva took leave of her and the mountain and set on journey with the gods jubilantly.

35. The gods with the lord and His Gaṇas started on their journey silently. They wished the mountain well.

36-37. The lord and the gods waited in a part outside the city of Himavat for the arrival of Pārvatī there. O great sage, thus I have narrated the journey of Śiva. Now listen to the journey of Pārvatī and of her departure with festivities.