

He should repeat it without stopping. (If he do so) the god of rain (Parjanya) will bless his children with incessant rain. Should he stop in regular intervals, when repeating (the hymn, as usual), then the rain-god would keep away in the clouds the rain from his children. Thence it is to be repeated without stopping. If he repeats thrice the first verse of this (hymn) without stopping, in this manner the whole (of the hymn) becomes repeated without stopping.³

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(The ceremony of mixing the *Vasatîvarî* and *Ekadhanâ* waters.)

After having repeated these (first) nine verses (of the hymn, 10, 30) in the same order as they follow (one another in the *Saṁhitâ*), he repeats the (11th verse), *hinotâ no adhvaram*, &c. as the tenth, and (after it, he adds the 10th :) *âvarrritatîr*, when the waters⁴ filled (in jars) by the *Ekadhanins* are

³ He has to repeat only the first verse thrice without stopping, whilst all remaining verses of the hymn may be repeated in the usual manner. For the repetition of the first holds good for the whole remaining part.

⁴ I subjoin here a more detailed description of the *Apô naptrîyam* ceremony, or the joining of the water jugs. My statements are taken from a Soma prayoga (a manual of the Adhvaryu priests), the *Hiranyakes'î S'râuta Sûtras*, and oral information. After the Hotar has finished the *Prâtar-anuvâka*, the Adhvaryu addresses to him the words: "ask for (*ishya*) the waters," to which the Hotar answers: "*Apô naptrîya*" (calling upon them). The Adhvaryu continues his orders (before the Hotar can answer): Chamasa-adhvaryu of the *Maitrâvaruṇa*, come hither! ye *Ekadhanins* (bringer of the *Ekadhanâ* waters), come! Neshtar bring the wife (of the sacrificer)! *Agnîd* (*Agnîdhra*), turn the Chamasa (Soma cup) of the Hotar and the *vasatîvarî* waters towards one another in the *Châtvâla* (a hole, for making ablutions)! The Chamasa-adhvaryu of the *Maitrâvaruṇa* then brings a Chamasa. The *Ekadhanins*, i. e. those who carry the so-called *Ekadhanâ* waters, then come with three jugs for the