

separate parts: (1) *âhâva* (the call *s'om̐sâvom* at the commencement of the Shastras, and *hiṁkāra* (the sound *hum*, commencing every Sâman); (2) the *prastâva* (prelude, first part of the text of the Sâman) and the first *rich* (out of the three, required for the Sâman of the Nishkevalya Shastras); (3) the *udgîtha* (principal part of the Sâman), and the second *rich*; (4) the *pratihâra* (response of the Sâman), and the last *rich* (out of the three); (5) *nidhanam* (the finale of the Sâman) and the call *vaushat* (at the end of the Yâjyâ verses).³⁹ Thence they say, the sacrifice is

³⁹ Many Sâmans are divided into four or five parts. See the note to 2, 22. If five parts are mentioned, then either the *hiṁkāra* which precedes the *prastâva* is counted as a separate part, or the *pratihâra* part divided into two, *pratihâra* and *upadrava*, the latter generally only comprising a few syllables.

In order to better illustrate the division of Sâmans into five parts, I give here the Rathantaram according to these divisions:

First *rich*—(1), *prastâva*:— ऊम् ॥ आभि त्वा शूर नो नुमो वा ॥

(2) *udgîtha*: ओमादुग्धा इव धेनवर्द्धानमस्य जगतः सुवा ईशां ॥

(3) *pratihâra*: आर्द्धानमा इन्द्रा ।

(4) *upadrava*: सुस्थूषा ओवा हा उवा ।

(5) *nidhanam*: अस् ।

Second *rich*—(1), *prastâva*: इशेवा ।

(2) *udgîtha*: ओनामिन्द्र सुस्थूषेनत्वावा ० अन्यो दिवियो न पार्थिवाः

(3) *pratihâra*: न जातो नाजा ।

(4) *upadrava*: नादृष्याता ओवा हा उवा ।

(5) *nidhanam*: अस् ॥

Third *rich*: (1) *prastâva*: नजेवा ।

(2) *udgîtha*: ओतो न जनिष्यते अश्वायंते मघवन्निद्रवाजिनाः ॥

(3) *pratihâra*: गयंतस्त्वाहा ।

(4) *upadrava*: वामाहा ओवा हा उवा ।

(5) *nidhanam*: अस्.—*Agnishṭoma Sâma prayoga*.

From this specimen the reader will easily learn in what way they make of two *richas* three, and how they divide each into five parts. The *prastâva* is chanted by the *Prastotar*, the *udgîtha* by the *Udgâtar* (the chief of the Sâma singers), the *pratihâra* by the *Pratihartar*, the *upadrava* by the *Udgâtar*, and the *nidhanam* by all three.