

vakshaḥsthalopavisṭaṣ ca tasya 'āsyā-kuhare 'tha saḥ
narāsthī-sruk-sruva-karo homaṁ kartuṁ pracakrame. 307
kshaṇāc ca tasya Vetālasya 'āsyāḥ jvālā 'udabhūt tathā,
yathā sa sādhakas trāsād utthāya 'apāsarat tataḥ. 308
sattva-cyutaṁ ca taṁ srasta-sruk-sravaṁ paridhāvya saḥ
Vetālo vyātta-vadanaḥ sāṅgopāṅgāṁ nigîrṇavān. 309

tad drisṭvā khaḍgam udyamya yāvac Ṣṛidarṇanaḥ sa tam
abhidhāvati, tāvat sa Vetālas tam abhāshata: 310

«bho Ṣṛidarṇa! dhairyeṇa tusṭo 'smy evaṁ-vidhena te;
«tat sarshapān gṛihāna tvam imān mad-mukha-sambhavan! 311

«ebhiḥ çiro-nibaddhaḥ ca pāṇi-sthaiḥ ca 'esha bhūpatiḥ
«nivṛitta-yakshma-doshārtis sadya eva bhavishyati; 312

«tvam ca 'acireṇa sarvasyāḥ prithvyā rājā bhavishyasi.»
iti tad-vacanaṁ çrutvā taṁ sa Ṣṛidarṇano 'bhyaadhāt: 313

«sādhakena vinā 'etena tatra yāsyāmy ahaṁ katham?
««anena sa hataḥ svārtha-lobhād»», iti vaded nṛipaḥ.» 314

evam Ṣṛidarṇana 'ukto Vetālaḥ sa jagāda tam:
«vacmi te pratyayaṁ, yena çuddhis tava bhavishyati: 315

«imaṁ mṛitaṁ mad-nigîrṇam iha 'asyaiva çavasya hi
«udaraṁ pātayitvā tvam antaḥ-sthaṁ darçayishyasi.» 316

ity uktvā sa yayau kvāpi Vetālo 'rpita-sarshapaḥ,
nirgatyāiva çavāt tasmāc; çavaḥ so 'py apatad bhuvi. 317

svîkritya sarshapān, so 'pi gatvā Ṣṛidarṇanas tataḥ
sahâyâdhyushite tasmin maṭhe rātriṁ nināya tām. 318

prage rājño 'ntikaṁ gatvā, rātri-vṛittaṁ nivedya tat,
mantribhyo 'darçayad nîtvā sādhaikaṁ taṁ çavodare. 319

tato babandha rājñas tām pāṇau mûrdhni ca sarshapān,
tena so 'bhûd nṛipo nashṭa-niḥçesha-vyādhi-nirvṛitaḥ. 320

atha tusṭaḥ sa nṛipatiḥ Ṣṛisenāḥ prāṇa-dāyinaṁ

anapatyaḥ sutatvena taṁ Ṣṛidarṇanam agrahit, 321

abhyashiñcac ca taṁ vîraṁ yauvarāḷje tadāiva saḥ;

uptaṁ sukṛita-vîjaṁ hi suksheśhu mahā-phalam. 322

tataḥ Ṣṛidarṇanaḥ çṛimān upayame sa tatra tām

Padmishṭhāṁ pūrva-sevārthaṁ Lakshmīm iva samāgatām. 323

tayā samaṁ ca bhuñjāno bhogān Mukharakeṇa ca

tad-bhrātrā, so 'tha tatra 'āsīt prithvīm vîro 'nupālāyan. 324

ekadā jaladhes tîrāt prāpya ratna-Vināyakam

Upendraçaktir ānīya dadau tasmai mahā-banîk. 325

tam anarghyaṁ samālokya, yuvarājaḥ sa bhaktitaḥ

tatra pratishṭhāpitavān vibhavana 'atibhūyasā. 326

dadau grāma-sahasraṁ ca nitya-bhōgāya tatra saḥ,

yātrotsavaṁ ca vidadhe militākhila-Mālavam. 327

nṛitta-vāditra-gītaiḥ ca tatra sātīçayair niçi

paritusṭo Gaṇān evam ādideça Gaṇeçvaraḥ: 328

«mat-prasādād ayaṁ bhāvî samrāt Ṣṛidarṇano bhuvi;

«tad iha 'asty aparāmbhodhau Hānsadvîpam iti çrutam. 329