

«etat-putras tu yātv esha, putro hy ātmaiva kathyate.
 «mā bhūd mad-vacanāṃ mogham!» ity uktvā, 'Indrah ṣamaṃ
 tataḥ pitrā 'aham āñiya nija-mātula-veçmani [yayau. 196
 Ujjayinyāṃ vinikshipto; bhavitavyam hi yasya tat. 197
 tatra 'ajāyata sakhyāṃ me rājñā 'atratyena daivataḥ.
 tato 'tra mama yad vṛttam, tat sarvaṃ, çriṇu, vacmi te. — 198

ity uktvā 'āmūla-vṛttam yad, yad Açokavati-kṛitam,
 yac ca rājñā kṛitam, tasya yuddhāntam tad avarṇayat. 199
 punaḥ ca 'uvāca tam: «brahmann, ittham asmi palāyitaḥ
 «deçāntaram, vrajan mārge bhavantam iha dṛiṣṭvān.» 200
 çrutvā 'etad brāhmaṇas tam sa Guṇaçarmāṇam abhyadhāt:
 «tarhi dhanyo 'smi samvṛttas tvad-abhyāgamanāt, prabho! 201
 «tad ehi me griham tāvad, Agnidattam ca vidधि mām
 «nāmnā, mad-agrahāraḥ ca grāmo 'yaṃ; nirvṛto bhava!» 202
 ity uktvā so 'gnidattas tam griham praveçayad nijam
 riddhimad Guṇaçarmāṇam bahu-go-mahishi-hayam. 203
 tatra snānāṅgarāgābhyaṃ vastrair ābharaṇaiḥ ca tam
 atithim mānayāmāsa bhojanair vividhaiḥ ca sah. 204
 adarçayac ca tasmai svām, kāmya-rūpām surair api,
 lakṣaṇāvekṣaṇa-niṣhāt Sundarim nāma kanyakām. 205
 Guṇaçarmāpi so 'nanya-sama-rūpām vilokya tam,
 «sapatnyo 'syā bhaviṣhyanti», 'ity Agnidattam uvāca tam. 206
 «nāsāyāṃ tilako 'sty asyās, tat-sambandhāc ca vacmy aham:
 «urasy asti dvitīyo 'pi, tayoḥ ca 'etat phalaṃ viduḥ.» 207
 evaṃ tena 'udite, tasyā bhrātā pitur anujāyā
 udghāṭayad uro yāvat, tāvat tilakam aikṣhata. 208
 tato 'gnidattaḥ sāçcaryo Guṇaçarmāṇam abhyadhāt:
 «sarvajñas tvam; imau tv asyās tilakau naḥ çubha-pradan; 209
 «sapatnyo hi bhavanti 'iha prāyaḥ çṛimati bhartari,
 «daridryo bibhṛiyād ekam api kaṣṭam, kuto babūḥ?» 210
 tac çrutvā Guṇaçarmā tam pratyuvāca: «yathā 'āttha, bhoḥ!
 «sulakṣaṇāyā hi 'idriçyā ākriter açubham kutah?» 211
 ity ūcivān prasaṅgena priṣṭas tasmai ṣaṇṣa sah
 pratyāṅga-tilakādīnām phalaṃ stri-puṇsayoḥ prithak. 212
 tadā ca Guṇaçarmāṇam tam sā dṛiṣṭvāiva Sundari
 iyesha pātum dṛiṣṭvāiva, cakori 'iva 'indum; utsukā. 213
 tato 'gnidatto vijane Guṇaçarmāṇam āha tam:
 «mahābhāga, dadāmy etāṃ kanyāṃ te Sundarim aham. 214
 «mā gā videçam! tiṣṭha 'iha grihe mama yathā-sukham!»
 etat tad-vacanāṃ çrutvā Guṇaçarmāpy uvāca tam: 215
 «satyam, evaṃ krite kiṃ kiṃ na saukhyam mama? kiṃ tu mām
 «mithyā-rājāvamānāgni-taptam priṇāti nāiva tat. 216
 «kāntā, candrōdayo, vīṇā-pāñcamadbvanir: ity amī
 «ye nandayanti sukhitān, duḥkhitān vyathayanti te. 217
 «jāyā ca svarasā raktā bhaved avyabhicāriṇī,
 «avaçā pitṛi-dattā tu syād Açokavati yathā. 218