

«sa eva 'asmi Nalaḥ satyaṃ pāpaḥ kuṭīḥ-karkaṣaḥ,  
 «tvāṃ saṃtāpayatā yena vyāmohād analāyitam.» 409  
 ity uktavān sa prishṭo 'bhūd Damayantyaḥ tayā Nalaḥ:  
 «yady evaṃ, tarhy arūpatvaṃ katham prāpto bhavān?» iti. 410  
 tataḥ sa tasyai svōdantaṃ Nalaḥ kṛtsnam avarṇayat  
 Kārkoṭa-sakhyād ārabhya Kali-nirgamaṇāvadhim. 411  
 tadaiva ca 'agniṣaucaṃ tad dattaṃ Kārkoṭakena saḥ  
 prāvṛitya vastrayugalaṃ rūpaṃ svaṃ pratyapadyata. 412  
 drishṭvā Nalaṃ punar-avāpta-nijābhīrāma-  
 rūpaṃ tam, ācū vikasad-vadanāravindā  
 netrāmbubhiḥ ṣamita-duḥkha-davānalā 'iva,  
 harshaṃ kam apy anupamaṃ Damayanty avāpa. 413  
 buddhvā ca tat pariṇāt pramada-pravṛittād,  
 āgatya tatra sahasā sa Vidarbha-nāthaḥ,  
 Bhīmo Nalaṃ samabhinandya kṛtānurūpa-  
 pūjaṃ, mahotsavamayaṃ sva-puraṃ cakāra. 414  
 hasatā hṛdi Bhīma-bhūbbujā  
 kṛta-saṃvṛitty-upacāra-satkriyāḥ  
 Rītuparṇa-nṛipo 'pi taṃ Nalaṃ  
 pratipūjya 'atha jagāma Koṣalāṃ. 415  
 atha Nishadha-nareṣvaro nijaṃ  
 Kali-daurātmya-vijṛimbitaṃ Nalaḥ  
 cvaṣurāya sa tatra varṇayann  
 avasād hi pramadā-sakhaḥ sukham. 416  
 gatvā 'alpaiḥ ca dinaiḥ tataḥ sa Nishadhān sainyaiḥ saha cvaṣurair,  
 akshajñāna-jitaṃ vidhāya vinataṃ taṃ Pushkarākhyam punaḥ  
 dharmātmā kṛta-saṃvibhāgam anujaṃ dehōdgata-Dvāparam,  
 rājyaṃ svaṃ Damayanty-avāpti-sukhito bheje yathāvad Nalaḥ. — 417  
 iti sa vyākhyāya katham  
 nagare Tārāpure dvijāḥ Sumanāḥ,  
 rājasutāṃ Bandhumatīm  
 proshitapatikāṃ uvāca tāṃ bhūyāḥ: 418  
 «evaṃ, devi, mahānto  
 «vishahya virahaṃ bhajanti kalyāṇam;  
 «anubhūya ca 'astagamaṇam  
 «dinakṛit-pramukhā vrājanty udayam. 419  
 «tasmāt tvam api prāpsyasi  
 «patim, anaghe, proshitāgataṃ nacirāt;  
 «kurushva dhṛitim, aratiṃ hara,  
 «vihara ca pati-kāmanā-lābhaiḥ!» 420  
 iti taṃ dvijam ukta-yukta-vākyaṃ  
 bahunā 'abhyarcya dhanena sadguṇaṃ sâ,  
 avalambya dhṛitiṃ, pratīkshamāṇā  
 dayitaṃ Bandhumatī svaṃ atra tasthau. 421  
 alpair eva ca tasyā  
 dinaiḥ sa patir āyayau Mahīpālāḥ,