

itthaṃ niṣāmya Marubhūti-mukhād udārām
etāṃ kathāṃ, sa Naravāhanadatta-bhūpaḥ
Vidyādharaṭṭama-kula-prabhavā ca sā 'asya
Ratnaprabhā navabadhūr vyadhita pramodam. 161

Taraṅga 39.

Evam kathitavaty atra Marubhūtau, camūpatiḥ
Naravāhanadattasya puro Hariṣikho 'bravīt: 1
«satyam eva, na sustrinām bhartur anyat parāyaṇam;
«tathā ca ṣṛyatām eśhāpy atra citratarā kathā: 2

Vardhamānapuraṃ nāma yad asti nagaraṃ bhuvi,
tatra Vīrabhujāḥkhyo 'bhūd rājā dharmabhṛitām varaḥ. 3
antaḥpura-ṇate tasya vidyamāne 'py, abhūt prabhoḥ
ekā Guṇavarā nāma rājñi prāṇādhikā priyā. 4
patnī-ṇatasya madhye ca na tāvad daiva-yogataḥ
ekasyām api kasyāmcit putras tasya 'udapadyata. 5
tena vaidyaṃ sa papraccha Ṣrutavardhana-saṃjñakam:
«kaccid asty aushadhaṃ tādrig, yena syāt putra-sambhavaḥ?» 6
tac ṣrutvā so 'bravid vaidyo: «deva, 'etat sādhayāmy aham,
«vanya-chagalakaḥ kiṃtu devena 'ānāyatatām mama.» 7
ity ākarṇya bhishag-vākyaṃ, pratihāraṃ sa bhūpatiḥ
ādicṇya ānāyāmāsa tasya chagalakaṃ vanāt. 8
taṃ chāgaṃ rāja-sūdebhyaḥ samarpya, sa bhishak tataḥ
tad-mānsaiḥ sādhayāmāsa rājñy-arthaṃ rasakoṭtamam. 9
ādicṇya 'ekatra rājñinām melanaṃ, devam arcitum
gate rājñi, milanti sma devya ekatra tāḥ; 10
ekā tu militā nāsid rājñi Guṇavarā 'atra sā,
rājño devārcaṇa-sthasya tatkālaṃ nikaṇe sthitā. 11
militābhyāḥ ca tābhyas tat pānārthaṃ cūrṇa-miṣṛitam
avibhāvyaiva rasakaṃ niḥṇeṣhaṃ sa dadau bhishak. 12
kṣaṇāt kṛitārcaṇaḥ so 'tra rājā 'āgatya priyā-yutaḥ
vikṣhya 'aṇeṣhopayuktaṃ tad dravyaṃ, vaidyaṃ taṃ abhyadhāt: 13
«aho na sthāpitaṃ kiṃcit tvayā Guṇavarā-kṛite!
«yat-pradhāno 'yam ārambhas, tad eva tava viśmṛitam.» 14
ity uktvā savilakṣhaṃ taṃ vaidyaṃ, sūdān nṛipo 'bravīt:
«kiṃ tasya chagalaṇya 'asti mānsa-ṇeṣho 'tra kaṇcana?» 15
«ṇṛiṇge pare sta», ity ukte sūdair, vaidyo 'tha so 'bravīt:
«sādhu! tarhy uttamaṃ hi syād rasakaṃ ṇṛiṇga-garbhaḥam.» 16