

kramāc ca tat-saro-'bhyarṇaṃ prāptau tau kūrma-hāriṇau
dadriçus tad-adho-varti-nagarâçrayiṇo janāḥ. 175
«kim etad nityate citraṃ haṁsābhyāṃ?» iti tair janaiḥ
kriyamāṇaṃ kalakalaṃ sa kūrmaç capalo 'çriṇot. 176
«kutaḥ kalakalo 'dhaṣṭād?» iti vaktrād vihāya tām
yashṭim sa pricchan haṁsau tau, bhrasṭo jaghne janair bhuvi. — 177
«evaṃ buddhi-cyuto naçyet kūrmo yasṭi-cyuto yathā.»
itthaṃ tayā 'uktash ṭiṭibhyā ṭiṭibhaḥ sa jagāda tām: 178
«satyam etat, priye! kiṃtu tvam apy etām kathāṃ çriṇu: —
Nady-anta-sthe hrade 'bhūvan kvāpi matsyāḥ purā trayāḥ, 179
Anāgatavidhātā 'ekaḥ, Pratyutpannamatis tathā,
tritiyo Yadbhavishyaç ca, trayāç ca sahaçariṇaḥ. 180
te dāçānāṃ vaco jātu tena mārgeṇa gacchatām,
«aho! asmin hrade matsyāḥ santi!» 'iti kila çuçruvuh. 181
tena 'āçāṅkya badhaṃ dāçair, nadī-srotaḥ praviçya saḥ
Anāgatavidhātā 'atha buddhimān anyato yayau. 182
Pratyutpannamatis tv āsīt sa tatraiva 'avikampitaḥ,
«ahaṃ pratividhāsyāmi, bhayaṃ ced āpated», iti. 183
«yad me bhavishyati!» 'ity āsīd Yadbhavishyas tu tatra saḥ.
atha 'āgatya 'akshipan jālaṃ tatra te dhīvarā hrade. 184
jālōtkshiptas tu taiḥ sadyaḥ Pratyutpannamatiḥ sudhīḥ,
kṛitvā niḥspandam ātmānaṃ tishṭhati sma mṛito yathā. 185
«svayam mṛito 'yam», iti teshv aghnatsu timighātishu,
patitvā sa nadī-srotasy agacchad drutam anyataḥ. 186
Yadbhavishyas tu jālāntar udvartana-vivartane
kurvan, grihītvā nihato manda-buddhiḥ sa dhīvaraiḥ. — 187
«tasmāt pratividhāsyē 'haṃ, na yāsyāmy ambudher bhayāt;»
ity uktvā ṭiṭibho bhāryāṃ, tatraiva 'āsīt sva-nīḍake; 188
tatra 'açaushīd vacas tasya sāhaṃkārāṃ mahodadhiḥ.
divasaic ca prasūtā sâ tad-bhāryā tatra ṭiṭibhi. 189
jahāra sa tato 'ṇḍāni tasyā jaladhir ūrmiṇā,
«paçyāmi ṭiṭibho 'yam me kiṃ kuryād», iti kautukāt. 190
«prāptaṃ tad etad vyasanāṃ, yad mayā 'ūktam abhūt tava»,
ity āha rōdati sâ taṃ ṭiṭibhi ṭiṭibhaṃ patim. 191
tataḥ sa ṭiṭibho dhīras tām sva-bhāryāṃ abhāshata:
«paçya, 'iha kiṃ karomy asya pāpasya jaladher aham!» 192
ity uktvā pakṣiṇaḥ sarvān saṃghātya 'ukta-parābhavaḥ,
gatvā taiḥ saha cakranda çaraṇaṃ Garuḍaṃ prabhūm. 193
«abdhinā 'andāpahāreṇa vayam, nāthe sati tvayi,
«anāthavat parābhūtā», ity ūcus taṃ ca te khagāḥ. 194
tataḥ kruddhena' Tārkshyeṇa vijñāpto Harir ambudhim
āgneyāstreṇa saṃçoshya ṭiṭibhāṇḍāny adāpayat. — 195
«tasmād atyakta-dhairyeṇa bhāvyaṃ āpadi dhimatā.
«upasthitam idānīm tu yuddhaṃ Piṅgalakena te. 196
«yadaiva 'utkshipta-lāṅgūlaç caturbhiç caraṇaiḥ samam
«utthāsyati sa, te vidyāḥ prajibīrshuṃ tadaiva tam. 197