«jàne 'ham na 'etad etâvad; abhiprâyo 'tra dâruṇaḥ,
«devîbhyâm jîvita-tyâga-dârdhyâd uktam hi tat tathâ. 22
«anyậsakte gate và dyâm priye, maraṇa-niçcitâḥ
«bhavanty adainya-gambhîrâḥ sâdhvyaḥ sarvatra niḥsprihâḥ. 23
«asahyam hi purandhrîṇâm premno gâdhasya khaṇdanam;
«tathâ ca, rajan, tatra 'etâm Çrutasena-kathâm çrinu: 24

Abhud Dakshina-bhumau prag Gokarnakhye pure nripah Çrutasena iti khyatah kula-bhusha çrutanvitah. 25 tasya ca 'eka 'abhavac cinta rajñah sampurna-sampadah, atmanurupam bharyam yat sa na tavad aptavan. 26 ekada ca nripah kurvanç cintam tam, tat-kathantare Agniçarmabhidhanena jagade so 'grajanmana: 27 «açcarye dve maya drishte, te, rajan, varnaye, çrinu: —

tîrthayâtrâ-gatah Pancatîrthîm tâm aham âptavân, 28 yasyâm Apsarasah pañca grahatvam rishi-çapatah prâptâh satîr udaharat tîrthayâtrâgato 'rjunah. 29 tatra tîrtha-vare snâtvâ, pañcarâtropavâsinâm Nârâyananucarata-dâyini snâyinam nrinam, 30 yâvad vrajâmi, tâvac ca lângalollikhitâvanim gâyantam kamcid adrâksham kârshakam kshetra-madhya-gam. 31 sa prishtah karshako margam margayatena kenacit pravrâjakena, tad-vâkyam na 'açrinod gîta-tatparah. 32. tatah sa tasmai cukrodha parivrâd vidhuram bruvan, so 'pi gîtam vimucya 'atha kârshakas tam abhâshata: 33 «aho! pravrájako 'pi tvam dharmasya 'ançam na vetsyasi, «murkhenapi maya jñatam, saram dharmasya yat param.» 34 tac crutvâ, «kim tvayà jñâtam?» iti tena ca kautukât pravrājakena prishtah san kārshakah sa jagāda tam: 35 «iha 'upaviça pracchâye, çrinu, yâvad vadâmi te: -

asmin pradeçe vidyante brâhmaṇâ bhrâtaras trayaḥ, 36
Brahmadattaḥ, Somadatto, Viçvadattaç ca puṇyakrit.
teshâm jyeshṭhau dâravantau, kanishṭhas tv aparigrahaḥ. 37
sa tayor jyeshṭhayor âjñām kurvan karmakaro yathà
mayâ saha 'âsîd akrudhyann; aham teshâṇ hi kârshakaḥ. 38
tau ca jyeshṭhâv abudhyetâṇ mṛidum tam, buddhi-varjitam,
sādhum, atyakta-sanmârgam, rijum, âyâsa-varjitam. 39
ekadâ bhrâṭri-jâyâbhyâṃ sakâmâbhyâṃ raho 'rthitaḥ
kanishṭho Viçvadatto 'tha mâṭrivat te nirâkarot. 40
tatas te nijayor bhartror ubhe gatvâ mṛishâ 'ûcatuḥ:
«vânchaty asman rahasy esha kanîyân yuvayor » iti. 41
tena tam prati tau jyeshṭhau sântaḥkopau babhûvatuḥ;
sad asad vâ na hi viduḥ kustrî-vacana-mohitâḥ. 42
atha 'etau bhrâṭarau jâtu Viçvadattaṃ tam ûcatuḥ:
«gaccha tvaṃ, kshetra-madhya-stham valmīkam tam sanīkuru!» 43