«brûhi, deva: kim ekâkî tyakta-kausuma-kârmukaḥ «ito bhramasi? sâ kutra Ratiḥ sahacarî tava?» 13 tac çrutvâ, tau sa Vatseça-suto viprâv abhâshata: «na 'aham Kâmo, manushyo 'ham; nashṭâ satyam tu me ratiḥ.» 14 ity uktvâ 'àkhyâta-vṛittântas, tau viprau pṛishṭavân nṛipaḥ: «kau yuvâm? kîdṛiçî ca 'eshà kathâ 'atra yuvayor?» iti. 15 tatas tayor vipra-yûnor ekas tam vinato 'bravît: «ràjan, bhavâdṛiçâm agre rahasyam katham ucyate? 16 «tathâpy âjñânurodhât te kathayâmi, niçamyatâm: —

Asti Çobhavatî nama Kalinga-vishaye purî, 17 Kalina na pravishta ya, na sprishta papakarmabhih, na drishta para-rashtrena, dhatra srishtaiva tadriçî. 18 tasyam Yaçaskaro nama vidvan adhyo bahu-kratuh brahmano 'bhûd, abhût tasya sad-patnî Mekhala 'iti ca. 19 tayor eko 'ham utpannah suto vayasi madhyame, vardhitaç ca 'upanîtaç ca tabhyam asmi tatah kramat. 20

tatah pathaty adhyayanam bale mayy, atidustaram tatra 'avrishti-kritam deçe durbhiksham udapadyata. 21 tena tato 'mbaya sakam mam adaya tato gatah Viçalam nama nagarim sadhanah saparicchadah. 22 tasyam Lakshmi-Sarasvatyor vasator mukta-vairayoh, tato mitrena banija datta-vasah sthitim vyadhat. 23 aham ca vidyadhigamam kurvano guru-veçmani tatra 'avasam savayasam madhye sabrahmacarinam. 24

ekaç ca teshu me mitram abhût kshatra-kumârakah gunî Vijayasenâkhyo mahâdhya-kshatriyâtmajah. 25 ekadâ 'asmad-upâdhyâya-griham mitrasya tasya me svasâ kumârî Madirâvatî nâma saha 'âgamat, 26 yasyâ vadana-lâvanya-çeshena himadîdhiteh jana-netrâmritam jâne bimbam dhâtrâ vinirmitam; 27 jagat-sammohanam shashtham astram, âlokya tad-vapuh, pañcasv anyeshu bâneshu manye mandâdarah Smarah. 28 tâm drishtvâ suhridas tasmâc çruta-nâmânvayâm, aham Smarâjñâ-vivaço 'bhûvam sadyas tanmaya-mânasah. 29 paçyantî sâpi mâm tiryak snigdha-mugdhena cakshushâ, bruvânâ 'ankuritam prema pulakena kapolayoh, 30 krîdâ-nibhâc ciram sthitvâ, kathamcit sva-grihân agât, kshipantî valitâpângî prîti-dûtîm driçam mayi. 31

tatas tad-virahârto 'ham griham gatva, nipatya ca sthale matsya iva 'akârsham udvartana-nivartane. 32 «lâvanyâmrita-sarvasva-nidhânam yat prajāpateh, «api bhûyo 'pi tat tasyāh paçyeyam aham ânanam? 33 «dhanyah sakhijano, yam sâ tena smerena paçyati «cakshushâ, 'anena ca mukhena 'âlapaty aniyantranam!» 34 ity-âdi cintayan kricchrâd ahorâtram vyatîtya tam, tad upâdhyâya-sadanam dvitîye 'hany aham gatah. 35