

«tasmāt saphalaya 'etām me vishoḍhām viraha-vyathām  
«ātmanaḥ ca; na, tanv-aṅgi, kshamate 'taḥ paraṃ Smaraḥ.» 53

evam vadantaṃ sahasā prāṇeṣaṃ taṃ vilokya sà,  
āsīd rājasutā kshipraṃ snehâçcarya-trapâkulā. 54  
atha 'atyautsukya-nirvṛitta-gāndharvōdvāhayos tayoh  
premṇas tasya mato yâdrik, tâdriço 'bhūd ratotsavaḥ. 55  
tataḥ so 'tra Manahsvāmī kṛitī tasthau dvi-rûpā-bhṛit:  
divā sagulikaḥ kanyā, rātrau nirgulikaḥ pumân. 56

gateshv aṭha dineshv, atra Yaçâhketor mahîpateḥ  
Mrigāṅkadatta-saṃjñena çvâçuryeṇa nijā sutā 57  
dattā Mrigāṅkavaty-âkhyā mahârha-vibhavoṭtarā  
dvijâtaye mahāmantri-Prajñāsāgara-sūnave. 58  
tasmin mātulaputryâḥ sâ rājaputrī Çaçiprabhâ  
vivâhe mātula-grihaṃ taj jagāma nimantritā. 59  
tayâ saha yayau so 'pi kanyakâ-parivârâyâ  
vipraputro Manahsvāmī kântaṃ kântâ-vapur vahan. 60

tatra taṃ kanyakâ-rûpa-dharaṃ mantri-suto 'tha saḥ  
dṛiştivâ, kila Smara-vyâdha-bâṇa-gâdhâhato 'bhavat. 61  
tato mushita-cittaḥ saṅs tayâ kapaṭa-kanyayâ,  
yayau mantri-sutaḥ çūnyaṃ sva-grihaṃ sva-badhû-sakhaḥ. 62  
tatra tad-mukha-lāvanya-dhyâna-sakto jagāma saḥ  
tîvra-râga-mahâvyâla-dashto moham açâṅkitam. 63  
«kim etad?» iti saṃbhrānte jane tatra 'ujjhitotsave,  
tam upâgâd drutaṃ buddhvâ sa Prajñāsāgaraḥ pitâ. 64  
tena ca 'açvâsyamāno 'tra pitrâ mohât prabudhya saḥ,  
pralapann iva sonmâdam ujjagâra manogatam. 65

asvâdhînam ca tad matvâ tat-pitary ativihvale  
tasmin, rājâpi tad buddhvâ tatraiva samupâyayau. 66  
sa taṃ dṛiştivâ jhatity eva gâdhâbhishvaṅgato gatam  
saptamîṃ madanâvasthâm, jagâda prakritîr uripah: 67  
«kathaṃ brâhmaṇa-nikshepa-kanyâ sâ 'asmai pradîyate?  
«tayâ vinâ ca niyataṃ paçcimâm ety asau daçam. 68  
«asmin nashṭe, pitâ 'asya 'esha mama mantri vinâṅkshyati,  
«etad-nâçe rājya-nâças; tad iha, brûta, kâ gatiḥ?» 69

ity uktâs tena rājûâ tâḥ sarvâḥ prakṛitayo 'bruvan:  
«rājño dharmam nijam prâbhûḥ prajânâṃ dharma-rakshaṇam, 70  
«mûlam tasya vidur mantram, sa ca mantrishv avasthitaḥ;  
«mantri-nâçe mûla-nâçâd rakshâ, dharma-kshatir dhruvâ. 71  
«pâpaṃ ca syâd dvijasya 'asya sasûnor mantriṇo badhât,  
«tasmâd rakshyo 'yam; âsanno 'vaçyam te dharma-viplavaḥ. 72  
«dâtavyâ mantri-putrâya vipra-nyasta-kumârikâ,  
«kâlântarâgate vipre kruddhe pratividhâsyate.» 73

evam uktaḥ prakṛitibhis, «tathâ!» 'iti pratyapadyata  
sa rājâ mantri-putrâya dâtuṃ taṃ kûta-kanyakâm. 74  
ânitaç ca sa, niçcitya lagnaṃ, rājasutâ-grihât  
kanyâ-rûpo Manahsvāmī taṃ jagâda mahîpatim: 75