

bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 āsīdrājā nalo nāma vīrasenasuto balī |
 upapanno guṇairiṣṭai rūpavānaśvakovidāḥ ||3-50-1||
 atiṣṭhanmanujendrāṇām mūrdhni devapatiryathā |
 uparyupari sarveṣāmāditya iva tejasā ||3-50-2||
 brahmaṇyo vedavicchūro niṣadheṣu mahīpatiḥ |
 akṣapriyaḥ satyavādī mahānakṣauhiṇīpatiḥ ||3-50-3||
 īpsito varanārīṇāmudāraḥ saṃyatendriyaḥ |
 rakṣitā dhanvinām śreṣṭhaḥ sākṣādiva manuḥ svayam ||3-50-4||
 tathaiṅvāsīdvidarbheṣu bhīmo bhīmaparākramaḥ |
 śūraḥ sarvagūṇairyuktaḥ prajākāmāḥ sa cāprajāḥ ||3-50-5||
 sa prajāṛthe paraṃ yatnamakarotsusamāhitaḥ |
 tamabhyagacchadbrahmaṛṣirdamano nāma bhārata ||3-50-6||
 taṃ sa bhīmaḥ prajākāmastoṣayāmāsa dharmavit |
 mahiṣyā saha rājendra satkāreṇa suvarcasam ||3-50-7||
 tasmai prasanno damanaḥ sabhāryāya varam dadau |
 kanyāratnam kumārāmśca trīnudārān mahāyaśāḥ ||3-50-8||
 damayantīm damaṃ dāntaṃ damanaṃ ca suvarcasam |
 upapannāṅguṇaiḥ sarvairbhīmān bhīmaparākramān ||3-50-9||
 damayanti tu rūpeṇa tejasā yaśasā śriyā |
 saubhāgyena ca lokeṣu yaśaḥ prāpa sumadhyamā ||3-50-10||
 atha tāṃ vayasi prāpte dāsīnām samalamkṛtam |
 śataṃ sakhīnām ca tathā paryupāste śacīmiva ||3-50-11||
 tatra sma bhrājate bhaimī sarvābharaṇabhūṣitā |
 sakhīmādhye 'navadyāṅgī vidyutsaudāminī yathā |
 atīva rūpasampannā śrīrivāyatalocanā ||3-50-12||
 na deveṣu na yakṣeṣu tādrūpavati kvacit |
 mānuṣeṣvapi cānyeṣu dr̥ṣṭapūrvā na ca śrutā |
 cittapramāthini bālā devānāmapi sundarī ||3-50-13||
 nalaśca naraśārdūlo rūpeṇāpratimo bhuvi |
 kandarpa iva rūpeṇa mūrtimānabhavatsvayam ||3-50-14||
 tasyāḥ samīpe tu nalam praśāśamsuḥ kutūhalāt |
 naiśadhasya samīpe tu damayantīm punaḥ punaḥ ||3-50-15||
 tayoradr̥ṣṭakāmo 'bhūcchṛṇvatoḥ satataṃ guṇān |

anyonyam prati kaunteya sa vyavardhata hṛcchayaḥ ||3-50-16||
 aśaknuvannalaḥ kāmam tadā dhārayitum hṛdā |
 antaḥpurasaṃmīpasthe vana āste rahogataḥ ||3-50-17||
 sa dadarśa tadā haṃsāñjātarūpaparicchadān |
 vane vicaratām teṣāmekam jagrāha pakṣiṇam ||3-50-18||
 tato 'ntarikṣago vācam vyājahāra tadā nalam |
 na hantavyo 'smi te rājankariṣyāmi hi te priyam ||3-50-19||
 damayantī sakāśe tvām kathayiṣyāmi naiśadha |
 yathā tvadanyaṃ puruṣam na sā māmsyati karhicit ||3-50-20||
 evamuktastato haṃsamutsasarja mahīpatiḥ |
 te tu haṃsāḥ samutpatya vidarbhanāgamamstataḥ ||3-50-21||
 vidarbhanagarīm gatvā damayanti āstadāntike |
 nipetuste garutmantaḥ sā dadarśātha tānkhaḡān ||3-50-22||
 sā tānadbhutarūpānvai dr̥ṣṭvā sakhigaṇāvṛtā |
 hr̥ṣṭā grahitum khagamāmstvaramāṇopacakrame ||3-50-23||
 atha haṃsā visasṛpuḥ sarvataḥ pramadāvane |
 ekaikaśastataḥ kanyāstānhaṃsānsamupādravan ||3-50-24||
 damayanti tu yaṃ haṃsam samupādhāvadantike |
 sa mānuṣīm giram kṛtvā damayantī mathābravit ||3-50-25||
 damayanti nalo nāma niṣadheṣu mahīpatiḥ |
 aśvinoḥ sadṛśo rūpe na samāstasya mānuṣāḥ ||3-50-26||
 tasya vai yadi bhāryā tvam bhavethā varavarṇini |
 saphalam te bhavajanma rūpaṃ cedam sumadhyame ||3-50-27||
 vyaṃ hi devagandharvamanuṣyoraḡarākṣasān |
 dr̥ṣṭavanto na cāsmābhirdr̥ṣṭapūrvastathāvidhaḥ ||3-50-28||
 tvam cāpi ratnam nārīṇām nareṣu ca nalo varaḥ |
 viśiṣṭāyā viśiṣṭeṇa saṃgamo guṇavānbhavet ||3-50-29||
 evamuktā tu haṃsena damayanti viśam pate |
 abravittatra taṃ haṃsam tamapyevaṃ nalam vada ||3-50-30||
 tathetyuktvaṅḡajāḥ kanyām vaidarbhasya viśam pate |
 punarāgamya niśadhānnaḡe sarvaṃ nyavedayat ||3-50-31||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 damayanti tu tacchrutvā vaco haṃsasya bhārata |
 tadā prabhṛti nasvasthā nalam prati babhūva sā ||3-51-1||

tataścintāparā dīnā vivarṇavadanā kṛṣā |
 babhūva damayantī tu niḥśvāsaparamā tadā ||3-51-2||
 ūrdhvaḍṣṭirdhyānaparā babhūvonmattadarśanā |
 na śayyāsanabhogeṣu ratim vindati karhicit ||3-51-3||
 na naktam na divā śete hā heti vadatī muhuḥ |
 tāmasvasthām tadākārām sakhyastā jajñuringitaiḥ ||3-51-4||
 tato vidarbhapataye damayantyāḥ sakhīgaṇaḥ |
 nyavedayata nasvasthām damayantīm nareśvara ||3-51-5||
 tacchrutvā nṛpatirbhīmo damayantisakhīgaṇāt |
 cintayāmāsa tatkāryam sumahatsvām sutām prati ||3-51-6||
 sa samīkṣya mahīpālāḥ svām sutām prāptayauvanām |
 apaśyadātmanaḥ kāryam damayantyāḥ svayamvaram ||3-51-7||
 sa samnipātayāmāsa mahīpālānviśām pate |
 anubhūyatāmayaṃ vīrāḥ svayamvara iti prabho ||3-51-8||
 śrutvā tu pārthivāḥ sarve damayantyāḥ svayamvaram |
 abhijagmustadā bhīmaṃ rājāno bhīmaśāsanāt ||3-51-9||
 hastyaśvarathaghoṣeṇa nādayanto vasuṃdharām |
 vicitramālyābharaṇairbalairdṛśyaiḥ svalamkṛtaiḥ ||3-51-10||
 etasminneva kāle tu purāṇāvṛṣisattamau |
 aṭamānau mahātmānāvīndralokamito gatau ||3-51-11||
 nāradaḥ parvataścaiva mahātmānau mahāvratāu |
 devarājasya bhavanaṃ vivīśāte supūjitau ||3-51-12||
 tāvarcitvā sahasrākṣastataḥ kuśalamavyayam |
 papracchānāmayaṃ cāpi tayoḥ sarvagataṃ vibhuḥ ||3-51-13||
 nārada uvāca |
 āvayoḥ kuśalam deva sarvatragatamīśvara |
 loke ca maghavankṛtsne nṛpāḥ kuśalino vibho ||3-51-14||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 nāradasya vacaḥ śrutvā papraccha balavṛtrahā |
 dharmajñāḥ pṛthivīpālāstyaktajīvitayodhinaḥ ||3-51-15||
 śastreṇa nidhanaṃ kāle ye gacchantyaparānmukhāḥ |
 ayam loko 'kṣayasteṣāṃ yathāiva mama kāmadhuk ||3-51-16||
 kva nu te kṣatriyāḥ śūrā na hi paśyāmi tānham |
 āgacchato mahīpālānatithīndayitānmama ||3-51-17||
 evamuktastu śakreṇa nāradaḥ pratyabhāṣata |

śṛṇu me bhagavanyena na dṛśyante mahīkṣitaḥ ||3-51-18||
 vidarbharājaduhitā damayantīti viśrutā |
 rūpeṇa samatikrāntā pṛthivyām sarvayoṣitaḥ ||3-51-19||
 tasyāḥ svayamvaraḥ śakra bhavitā nacirādiva |
 tatra gacchanti rājāno rājaputrāśca sarvaśaḥ ||3-51-20||
 tāṃ ratnabhūtāṃ lokasya prārthayanto mahīkṣitaḥ |
 kāṅkṣanti sma viśeṣeṇa balavṛtraniśūdāna ||3-51-21||
 etasminkathyamāne tu lokapālāśca sāgnikāḥ |
 ājagmurdevarājasya samīpamamarottamāḥ ||3-51-22||
 tatastacchuśruvuḥ sarve nāradasya vaco mahat |
 śrutvā caivābruvanhrṣṭā gacchāmo vayamapyuta ||3-51-23||
 tataḥ sarve mahārāja sagaṇāḥ saha vāhanāḥ |
 vidarbhanabhito jagmuryatra sarve mahīkṣitaḥ ||3-51-24||
 nalo 'pi rājā kaunteya śrutvā rājñāṃ samāgamam |
 abhyagacchadadīnātmā damayantīmanuvrataḥ ||3-51-25||
 atha devāḥ pathi nalam dadṛśurbhūtale sthitam |
 sāksādiva sthitam mūrtyā manmatham rūpasampadā ||3-51-26||
 taṃ dṛṣtvā lokapālāste bhrājamānaṃ yathā ravim |
 tasthurvigatasamkalpā vismitā rūpasampadā ||3-51-27||
 tato 'ntarikṣe viṣṭabhya vimānāni divaukasaḥ |
 abruvannaśadham rājannavatīrya nabhastalāt ||3-51-28||
 bho bho naiśadha rājendra nala satyavrato bhavān |
 asmākaṃ kuru sāhāyyaṃ dūto bhava narottama ||3-51-29||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 tebhyaḥ pratijñāya nalaḥ kariṣya iti bhārata |
 athainānparipapraccha kṛtāñjaliravasthitaḥ ||3-52-1||
 ke vai bhavantaḥ kaścāsau yasyāham dūta īpsitaḥ |
 kiṃ ca tatra mayā kāryam kathayadhvam yathātatham ||3-52-2||
 evamukte naiśadhena maghavānpratyabhāṣata |
 amarānvai nibodhāsmādamayantyarthamāgatān ||3-52-3||
 ahamindro 'yamagniśca tathāivāyamapāmpatiḥ |
 śarīrāntakaro nīṇāṃ yamo 'yamapi pārthiva ||3-52-4||
 sa vai tvamāgatānasmādamayantyai nivedaya |
 lokapālāḥ sahendrāstvām samāyānti didṛkṣavaḥ ||3-52-5||
 prāptumicchanti devāstvām śakro 'gnirvaruṇo yamaḥ |

teṣāmanyatamaṃ devaṃ patitve varayasva ha ||3-52-6||
 evamuktaḥ sa śakreṇa nalaḥ prāñjalirabravīt |
 ekārthasamavetaṃ mām na preṣayitumarhatha ||3-52-7||
 devā ūcuḥ |
 kariṣya iti saṃśrutya pūrvamasmāsu naiṣadha |
 na kariṣyasi kasmāttvaṃ vraja naiṣadha māciram ||3-52-8||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 evamuktaḥ sa devaistairnaiṣadhaḥ punarabravīt |
 surakṣitāni veśmāni praveṣtuṃ kathamutsahe ||3-52-9||
 pravekṣyasīti taṃ śakraḥ punarevābhyabhāṣata |
 jagāma sa tathetyuktvā damayantya niveśanam ||3-52-10||
 dadarśa tatra vaidarbhiṃ sakhigaṇasamāvṛtām |
 dedīpyamānām vapuṣā śriyā ca varavarṇinīm ||3-52-11||
 atīva sukumārāṅgiṃ tanumadhyām sulocanām |
 ākṣipantīmiva ca bhāḥ śaśinaḥ svena tejasā ||3-52-12||
 tasya dṛṣṭvaiva vavṛdhe kāmastām cāruhāsinīm |
 satyaṃ cikīrṣamānastu dhārayāmāsa hṛcchayam ||3-52-13||
 tatastā naiṣadhaṃ dṛṣṭvā saṃbhrāntāḥ paramāṅganāḥ |
 āsanebhyaḥ samutpetustejasā tasya dharsitāḥ ||3-52-14||
 praśaśaṃsuśca supṛitā nalaṃ tā vismayānvitāḥ |
 na cainamabhyabhāṣanta manobhistvabhyacintayan ||3-52-15||
 aho rūpamaho kāntiraho dhairyam mahātmanaḥ |
 ko 'yaṃ devo nu yakṣo nu gandharvo nu bhaviṣyati ||3-52-16||
 na tvenam śaknuvanti sma vyāhartumapi kiṃcana |
 tejasā dharsitāḥ sarvā lajjāvatyo varāṅganāḥ ||3-52-17||
 athainam smayamāneva smitapūrvābhibhāṣiṇī |
 damayantī nalaṃ vīramabhyabhāṣata vismitā ||3-52-18||
 kastvaṃ sarvānavadyāṅga mama hṛcchayavardhana |
 prāpto 'syamaravadvīra jñātumicchāmi te 'nagha ||3-52-19||
 kathamāgamaṃ ceha katham cāsi na lakṣitaḥ |
 surakṣitaṃ hi me veśma rājā caivograśāsanāḥ ||3-52-20||
 evamuktastu vaidarbhyā nalastām pratyuvāca ha |
 nalaṃ mām viddhi kalyāṇi devadūtamiḥāgatam ||3-52-21||
 devāstvām prāptumicchanti śakro 'gnirvaruṇo yamaḥ |
 teṣāmanyatamaṃ devaṃ patiṃ varaya śobhane ||3-52-22||

teṣāmeva prabhāvena praviṣṭo 'hamalakṣitaḥ |
 praviśantaṃ hi mām kaścinnāpaśyannāpyavārayat ||3-52-23||
 etadarthamaḥ bhadre preṣitaḥ surasattamaiḥ |
 etacchrutvā śubhe buddhiṃ prakuruṣva yathecchasi ||3-52-24||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 sā namaskṛtya devebhyaḥ prahasya nalamabravīt |
 praṇayasva yathāśraddhaṃ rājankiṃ karavāṇi te ||3-53-1||
 ahaṃ caiva hi yaccānyanmamāsti vasu kiṃcana |
 sarvaṃ tattava viśraddhaṃ kuru praṇayamīśvara ||3-53-2||
 haṃsānām vacanaṃ yattattanmām dahati pārthiva |
 tvatkr̥te hi mayā vīra rājānaḥ saṃnipātītāḥ ||3-53-3||
 yadi cedbhajamānām mām pratyākhyāsyasi mānada |
 viṣamagniṃ jalaṃ rajjumāsthāsyeva tava kāraṇāt ||3-53-4||
 evamuktastu vaidarbhyā nalastām pratyuvāca ha |
 tiṣṭhatsu lokapāleṣu katham mānuṣamicchasi ||3-53-5||
 yeṣāmahaṃ lokakṛtāmīśvarāṅgāṃ mahātmanām |
 na pādarajasā tulyo manaste teṣu vartatām ||3-53-6||
 vipriyaṃ hyācaramartyo devānām mṛtyumṛcchati |
 trāhi māmanavadyāṅgi varayasva surottamān ||3-53-7||
 tato bāṣpakalām vācam damayantī śucismitā |
 pravayāharantī śanakairnalaṃ rājānamabravīt ||3-53-8||
 astyupāyo mayā dṛṣṭo nirapāyo nareśvara |
 yena doṣo na bhavitā tava rājankathamcana ||3-53-9||
 tvaṃ caiva hi naraśreṣṭha devāścāgnipurogamāḥ |
 āyāntu sahitāḥ sarve mama yatra svayaṃvaraḥ ||3-53-10||
 tato 'haṃ lokapālānām saṃnidhau tvām nareśvara |
 varayiṣye naravyāghra naivaṃ doṣo bhaviṣyati ||3-53-11||
 evamuktastu vaidarbhyā nalo rājā viśām pate |
 ājagāma punastatra yatra devāḥ samāgatāḥ ||3-53-12||
 tamapaśyaṃstathāyāntam lokapālāḥ saheśvarāḥ |
 dṛṣṭvā cainam tato 'pṛcchanvṛttāntam sarvameva tat ||3-53-13||
 devā ūcuḥ |
 kacciddṛṣṭā tvayā rājandamayantī śucismitā |
 kimabravicca naḥ sarvānvada bhūmipate 'nagha ||3-53-14||
 nala uvāca |

bhavadbhirahamādiṣṭo damayantyā niveśanam |
 praviṣṭaḥ sumahākakṣyaṃ daṇḍibhiḥ sthavirairvṛtam ||3-53-15||
 praviśantaṃ ca mām tatra na kaściddṛṣṭavānnaraḥ |
 ṛte tām pārthivasutām bhavatāmeva tejasā ||3-53-16||
 sakhyaścāsyā mayā dṛṣṭāstābhiścāpyupalakṣitaḥ |
 vismitāścābhavandrṣṭvā sarvā mām vibudheśvarāḥ ||3-53-17||
 varṇyamāneṣu ca mayā bhavatsu rucirānanā |
 māmēva gatasamkalpā vṛṇite surasattamāḥ ||3-53-18||
 abraviccaiva mām bālā āyantu sahitāḥ surāḥ |
 tvayā saha naraśreṣṭha mama yatra svayaṃvaraḥ ||3-53-19||
 teṣāmahaṃ samnidhau tvām varayiṣye narottama |
 evaṃ tava mahābāho doṣo na bhaviteti ha ||3-53-20||
 etāvadeva vibudhā yathāvṛttamudāhṛtam |
 mayāśeṣaṃ pramāṇaṃ tu bhavantastridaśeśvarāḥ ||3-53-21||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 atha kāle śubhe prāpte tithau puṇye kṣaṇe tathā |
 ājuhāva mahīpālānbhīmo rājā svayaṃvare ||3-54-1||
 tacchrutvā pṛthivīpālāḥ sarve hṛcchayapīditāḥ |
 tvaritāḥ samupājagmurdamayantīmabhīpsavaḥ ||3-54-2||
 kanakastambharuciraṃ toraṇena virājitam |
 vivīṣuste mahāraṅgaṃ nṛpāḥ siṃhā ivācalam ||3-54-3||
 tatrāsaneṣu vividheṣvāsīnāḥ pṛthivīkṣitaḥ |
 surabhisragdharāḥ sarve sumṛṣṭamaṇikuṇḍalāḥ ||3-54-4||
 tām rājasamitiṃ pūrṇaṃ nāgairbhogavatīmiva |
 sampūrṇaṃ puruṣavyāghrairvyāghrairgiriguhāmiva ||3-54-5||
 tatra sma pīnā dṛṣyante bāhavaḥ parighopamāḥ |
 ākāravantaḥ suślakṣṇāḥ pañcaśīrṣā ivoragāḥ ||3-54-6||
 sukeśāntāni cārūṇi sunāsāni śubhāni ca |
 mukhāni rājñāṃ śobhante nakṣatrāṇi yathā divi ||3-54-7||
 damayantī tato raṅgaṃ praviveśa śubhānanā |
 muṣṇantī prabhayā rājñāṃ cakṣūṃṣi ca manāṃsi ca ||3-54-8||
 tasyā gātreṣu patitā teṣāṃ dṛṣṭirmahātmanām |
 tatra tatraiva saktābhūna cacāla ca paśyatām ||3-54-9||
 tataḥ samkīrtiyamāneṣu rājñāṃ nāmasu bhārata |
 dadarśa bhaimī puruṣānpaṅca tulyākṛtīniva ||3-54-10||

tānsamikṣya tataḥ sarvānnirviśeṣākṛtīnsthitān |
 samdehādatha vaidarbhī nābhyaajānānalam nṛpam |
 yaṃ yaṃ hi dadṛṣe teṣāṃ taṃ taṃ mene nalam nṛpam ||3-54-11||
 sā cintayantī buddhyātha tarkayāmāsa bhāminī |
 kathaṃ nu devāñjānīyāṃ kathaṃ vidyāṃ nalam nṛpam ||3-54-12||
 evaṃ samcintayantī sā vaidarbhī bhṛṣaduḥkhitā |
 śrutāni devaliṅgāni cintayāmāsa bhārata ||3-54-13||
 devānāṃ yāni liṅgāni sthavirebhyaḥ śrutāni me |
 tāniha tiṣṭhatām bhūmāvekasypī na lakṣaye ||3-54-14||
 sā viniścītya bahudhā vicārya ca punaḥ punaḥ |
 śaraṇaṃ prati devānāṃ prāptakālamamanyata ||3-54-15||
 vācā ca manasā caiva namaskāraṃ prayujya sā |
 devebhyaḥ prāñjalirbhūtvā vepamānedamabravīt ||3-54-16||
 haṃsānāṃ vacanaṃ śrutvā yathā me naiśadho vṛtaḥ |
 patitve tena satyena devāstaṃ pradiśantu me ||3-54-17||
 vācā ca manasā caiva yathā nābhicarāmyaham |
 tena satyena vibudhāstameva pradiśantu me ||3-54-18||
 yathā devaiḥ sa me bhartā vihito niśadhādhipaḥ |
 tena satyena me devāstameva pradiśantu me ||3-54-19||
 svam caiva rūpaṃ puṣyantu lokapālāḥ saheśvarāḥ |
 yathāhamabhijānīyāṃ puṇyaślokaṃ narādhipam ||3-54-20||
 niśamya damayantyāstatkaruṇaṃ paridevitam |
 niścayaṃ paramaṃ tathyamanurāgaṃ ca naiśadhe ||3-54-21||
 manoviśuddhiṃ buddhiṃ ca bhaktiṃ rāgaṃ ca bhārata |
 yathoktaṃ cakrire devāḥ sāmartyaṃ liṅgadhāraṇe ||3-54-22||
 sāpaśyadvibudhānsarvānasvedānstabdhalocanān |
 hṛṣitasragrajohīnānsthitānasprṣataḥ kṣitim ||3-54-23||
 chāyādvitīyo mlānasragrajaḥsvedasamanvitaḥ |
 bhūmiṣṭho naiśadhaścaiva nimeṣeṇa ca sūcitaḥ ||3-54-24||
 sā samikṣya tato devānpuṇyaślokaṃ ca bhārata |
 naiśadhaṃ varayāmāsa bhaimī dharmeṇa bhārata ||3-54-25||
 vilajjamānā vastrānte jagrāhāyatalocanā |
 skandhadeśe 'srjaccāsyā srajaṃ paramaśobhanām |
 varayāmāsa caivainaṃ patitve varavarṇinī ||3-54-26||
 tato hā heti sahasā śabdo mukto narādhipaiḥ |

devairmaharṣibhiścaiva sādhu sādhviti bhārata |
 viśmitairīritaḥ śabdaḥ praśamsadbhirnalamaṃ nṛpam ||3-54-27||
 vṛte tu naiśadhe bhaimyā lokapālā mahaujasaḥ |
 prahr̥ṣṭamanasaḥ sarve nalāyāṣṭau varāndaduḥ ||3-54-28||
 pratyakṣadarśanaṃ yajñe gatiṃ cānuttamāṃ śubhām |
 naiśadhāya dadau śakraḥ prīyamāṇaḥ śacīpatiḥ ||3-54-29||
 agnirātmabhavaṃ prādādyatra vāñchati naiśadhaḥ |
 lokānātmaprabhāṃścaiva dadau tasmai hutāśanaḥ ||3-54-30||
 yamastvannarasaṃ prādāddharṃ ca paramāṃ sthitim |
 apāmpatirapāṃ bhāvaṃ yatra vāñchati naiśadhaḥ ||3-54-31||
 srajaṃ cottamagandhāḍhyāṃ sarve ca mithunaṃ daduḥ |
 varānevaṃ pradāyāsyā devāste tridivaṃ gatāḥ ||3-54-32||
 pārthivāścānubhūyāsyā vivāhaṃ viśmayānvitāḥ |
 damayantyāḥ pramuditāḥ pratijagmuryathāgatam ||3-54-33||
 avāpya nārīratnaṃ tatpuṇyaśloko 'pi pārthivaḥ |
 reme saha tayā rājā śacyeva balavṛtrahā ||3-54-34||
 atīva mudito rājā bhrājamāno 'ṃśumāniva |
 arañjayatprajā vīro dharmeṇa paripālayan ||3-54-35||
 ije cāpyaśvamedhena yayātiriva nāhuṣaḥ |
 anyaiśca kratubhirdhīmānbahubhiścāptadakṣiṇaiḥ ||3-54-36||
 punaśca ramaṇīyeṣu vaneṣūpavaneṣu ca |
 damayantyā saha nalo vijahārāmaropamaḥ ||3-54-37||
 evaṃ sa yajamānaśca viharaṃśca narādhipaḥ |
 rarakṣa vasuṣaṃpūrṇāṃ vasudhāṃ vasudhādhipaḥ ||3-54-38||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 vṛte tu naiśadhe bhaimyā lokapālā mahaujasaḥ |
 yānto dadṛśurāyāntaṃ dvāparaṃ kalinā saha ||3-55-1||
 athābravītkaliṃ śakraḥ saṃprekṣya balavṛtrahā |
 dvāpareṇa sahāyena kale brūhi kva yāsyasi ||3-55-2||
 tato 'bravītkaliḥ śakraṃ damayantyāḥ svayaṃvaram |
 gatvāhaṃ varayīṣye tāṃ mano hi mama tadgatam ||3-55-3||
 tamabravītprahasyendro nirvṛttaḥ sa svayaṃvaraḥ |
 vṛtastayā nalo rājā patirasmatsamīpataḥ ||3-55-4||
 evamuktastu śakreṇa kaliḥ kopasamanvitaḥ |
 devānāmantrya tānsarvānuvācedaṃ vacastadā ||3-55-5||

devānāṃ mānuṣaṃ madhye yatsā patimavindata |
 nanu tasyā bhavennyāyāṃ vipulaṃ daṇḍadhāraṇam ||3-55-6||
 evamukte tu kalinā pratyūcuste divaukasaḥ |
 asmābhiḥ samanujñāto damayantyā nalo vṛtaḥ ||3-55-7||
 kaśca sarvaguṇopetaṃ nāśrayeta nalam nṛpam |
 yo veda dharmānakhilānyathāvaccaritavrataḥ ||3-55-8||
 yasminsatyāṃ dhṛtirdānaṃ tapaḥ śaucaṃ damaḥ śamaḥ |
 dhruvāṇi puruṣavyāghre lokapālasame nṛpe ||3-55-9||
 ātmānaṃ sa śāpenmūḍho hanyāccātmānamātmanā |
 evaṃguṇaṃ nalam yo vai kāmāyēcchāpituṃ kale ||3-55-10||
 kṛcchre sa narake majjedagādhe vipule 'plave |
 evamuktavā kalim devā dvāparaṃ ca divaṃ yayuḥ ||3-55-11||
 tato gateṣu deveṣu kalirdvāparamabravit |
 saṃhartuṃ notsahe kopāṃ nale vatsyāmi dvāpara ||3-55-12||
 bhraṃśayīṣyāmi taṃ rājyāna bhaimyā saha raṃsyate |
 tvamapyakṣānsamāviśya kartuṃ sāhāyyamarhasi ||3-55-13||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 evaṃ sa samayaṃ kṛtvā dvāpareṇa kaliḥ saha |
 ājagāma tatastatra yatra rājā sa naiśadhaḥ ||3-56-1||
 sa nityamantaraprekṣī niśadheṣvavasacciram |
 athāsyā dvādaśe varṣe dadarśa kalirantaram ||3-56-2||
 kṛtvā mūtramupasprīsyā saṃdhyāmāste sma naiśadhaḥ |
 akṛtvā pādāyoh śaucaṃ tatrainaṃ kalirāviśat ||3-56-3||
 sa samāviśya tu nalam samīpaṃ puṣkarasya ha |
 gatvā puṣkaramāhedamehi dīvyā nalena vai ||3-56-4||
 akṣadyūte nalam jetā bhavānhi sahito mayā |
 niśadhānpratipadyasva jitvā rājannalam nṛpam ||3-56-5||
 evamuktastu kalinā puṣkaro nalamabhyayāt |
 kaliścaiva vṛṣo bhūtvā gavāṃ puṣkaramabhyayāt ||3-56-6||
 āśādyā tu nalam vīraṃ puṣkaraḥ paravīrahā |
 dīvyāvetyabravidbhrātā vṛṣeṇeti muhurmuḥuḥ ||3-56-7||
 na cakṣame tato rājā samāhvānaṃ mahāmanāḥ |
 vaidarbhyāḥ prekṣamāṇāyāḥ paṇakālamamanyata ||3-56-8||
 hiraṇyasya suvarṇasya yānāyugyasya vāsasām |
 āviṣṭaḥ kalinā dyūte jīyate sma nalastadā ||3-56-9||

tamakṣamadasamṁmattam suhṛdām na tu kaścana |
 nivāraṇe 'bhavacchakto dīvyamānamacetasaṁ ||3-56-10||
 tataḥ pauraṇaḥ sarvo mantribhiḥ saha bhārata |
 rājānaṁ draṣṭumāgacchannivārayitumāturaṁ ||3-56-11||
 tataḥ sūta upāgamyā damayantyaī nyavedayat |
 eṣa pauraṇaḥ sarvo dvāri tiṣṭhati kāryavān ||3-56-12||
 nivedyatām naiṣadhāya sarvāḥ prakṛtayaḥ sthitāḥ |
 amṛṣyamānā vyasaṇaṁ rājño dharmārthadarśinaḥ ||3-56-13||
 tataḥ sā bāṣpakalayā vācā duḥkhena karṣitā |
 uvāca naiṣadhaṁ bhaimī śokopahatacetanā ||3-56-14||
 rājanpauraṇaḥ dvāri tvām didṛkṣuravasthitaḥ |
 mantribhiḥ sahitaḥ sarvai rājabhaktipuraskṛtaḥ |
 taṁ draṣṭumarhasītyevaṁ punaḥ punarabhāṣata ||3-56-15||
 tām tathā rucirāpāṅgīm vilapantīm sumadhyamām |
 āviṣṭaḥ kalinaḥ rājā nābhyabhāṣata kiṁcana ||3-56-16||
 tataste mantriṇaḥ sarve te caiva puravāsinaḥ |
 nāyamastīti duḥkhārtā vrīḍitā jagmurālayān ||3-56-17||
 tathā tadabhavaddyūtaṁ puṣkarasya nalasya ca |
 yudhiṣṭhira bahūnmāsānpuṇyaślokastvajiṇyata ||3-56-18||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 damayantī tato dṛṣṭvā puṇyaślokaṁ narādhipam |
 unmattavadanunmattā devane gatacetasam ||3-57-1||
 bhayaśokasamāviṣṭā rājanbhīmasutā tataḥ |
 cintayāmāsa tatkāryaṁ sumahatpārthivaṁ prati ||3-57-2||
 sā śaṅkamānā tatpāpam cikīrṣanti ca tatpriyam |
 nalaṁ ca hṛtasarvasvamupalabhyedamabravit ||3-57-3||
 bṛhatsene vrajāmātyānānāyya nalaśāsanāt |
 ācakṣva yaddhṛtaṁ dravyamavaśiṣṭaṁ ca yadvasu ||3-57-4||
 tataste mantriṇaḥ sarve vijñāya nalaśāsanam |
 api no bhāgadheyaṁ syādityuktvā punarāvrajan ||3-57-5||
 tāstu sarvāḥ prakṛtayo dvitīyaṁ samupasthitaḥ |
 nyavedayadbhīmasutā na ca tatpratyanandata ||3-57-6||
 vākyamapratinandantaṁ bhartāramabhivikṣya sā |
 damayantī punarveśma vrīḍitā praviveśa ha ||3-57-7||
 niśamya satataṁ cākṣānpuṇyaślokaparānmukhān |

nalaṁ ca hṛtasarvasvam dhātṛiṁ punaruvāca ha ||3-57-8||
 bṛhatsene punargaccha vārṣṇeyaṁ nalaśāsanāt |
 sūtamānaya kalyāṇi mahatkāryamupasthitam ||3-57-9||
 bṛhatsenā tu tacchrutvā damayantyaḥ prabhāṣitam |
 vārṣṇeyamānayāmāsa puruṣairāptakāribhiḥ ||3-57-10||
 vārṣṇeyaṁ tu tato bhaimī sāntvayañślakṣṇayā girā |
 uvāca deśakālajñā prāptakālananditā ||3-57-11||
 jāniṣe tvam yathā rājā samyagvṛttaḥ sadā tvayi |
 tasya tvam viśamasthasya sāhāyyaṁ kartumarhasi ||3-57-12 ||
 yathā yathā hi nṛpatiḥ puṣkareṇeha jiyate |
 tathā tathāsyā dyūte vai rāgo bhūyo 'bhivardhate ||3-57-13||
 yathā ca puṣkarasyākṣā vartante vaśavartinaḥ |
 tathā viparyayaścāpi nalasyākṣeṣu dṛśyate ||3-57-14||
 suhṛtṣvajānavākyāni yathāvanna śṛṇoti ca |
 nūnaṁ manye na śeṣo 'sti naiṣadhasya mahātmanaḥ ||3-57-15||
 yatra me vacanaṁ rājā nābhinandati mohitaḥ |
 śaraṇaṁ tvām prapannāsmi sārathē kuru madvacaḥ |
 na hi me śudhyate bhāvaḥ kadācidvinaśediti ||3-57-16||
 nalasya dayitānaśvānyojayitvā mahājavān |
 idamāropya mithunaṁ kuṇḍinaṁ yātumarhasi ||3-57-17||
 mama jñātiṣu nikṣipyā dāraḥ syandanam tathā |
 aśvāmścāitānyathākāmam vasa vānyatra gaccha vā ||3-57-18||
 damayantyaṣtu tadvākyam vārṣṇeyo nalaśāraṭhiḥ |
 nyavedayadaśeṣeṇa nalāmātyeṣu mukhyaśaḥ ||3-57-19||
 taiḥ sametya viniścitya so 'nujñāto mahīpate |
 yayau mithunamāropya vidarbhamstena vāhinā ||3-57-20||
 hayāmstatra vinikṣipyā sūto rathavaraṁ ca tam |
 indrasenāṁ ca tām kanyāmindrasenaṁ ca bālakaṁ ||3-57-21||
 āmantrya bhīmaṁ rājānamārtaḥ śocannalaṁ nṛpam |
 aṭamānastato 'yodhyām jagāma nagarīm tadā ||3-57-22||
 ṛtuparṇam sa rājānamupatasthe suduḥkhitaḥ |
 bhṛtiṁ copayayau tasya sārathyena mahīpate ||3-57-23||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 tatastu yāte vārṣṇeye puṇyaślokasya dīvyataḥ |
 puṣkareṇa hṛtaṁ rājyaṁ yaccānyadvasu kiṁcana ||3-58-1||

hr̥tarājyaṃ nalaṃ rājanprahasapuṣkaro 'bravīt |
 dyūtaṃ pravartatāṃ bhūyaḥ pratipāno 'sti kastava ||3-58-2||
 śiṣṭā te damayantye kā sarvamanyaddhṛtaṃ mayā |
 damayantyaḥ paṇaḥ sādhu vartatāṃ yadi manyase ||3-58-3||
 puṣkareṇaivamuktasya puṇyaślokasya manyunā |
 vyadīryateva hṛdayaṃ na cainaṃ kiṃcidabravīt ||3-58-4||
 tataḥ puṣkaramālokyā nalaḥ paramamanyumān |
 utsrjya sarvagātrebhyo bhūṣaṇāni mahāyaśāḥ ||3-58-5||
 ekavāsā asaṃvītaḥ suhṛcchokavivardhanaḥ |
 niścakrāma tadā rājā tyaktvā suvipulāṃ śriyam ||3-58-6||
 damayantye kavastrā taṃ gacchantāṃ pṛṣṭhato 'nviyāt |
 sa tayā bāhyataḥ sārḍhaṃ trirātraṃ naiṣadho 'vasat ||3-58-7||
 puṣkarastu mahārāja ghoṣayāmāsa vai pure |
 nale yaḥ samyagātiṣṭheta gacchedvadhyatāṃ mama ||3-58-8||
 puṣkarasya tu vākyena tasya vidveṣaṇena ca |
 paurā na tasmīnsatkāraṃ kṛtavanto yudhiṣṭhira ||3-58-9||
 sa tathā nagarābhyāśe satkārārḥo na satkṛtaḥ |
 trirātraṃ uṣito rājā jalamātreṇa vartayan ||3-58-10||
 kṣudhā saṃpīḍyamānastu nalo bahutithe 'hani |
 apaśyacchakunānkāṃściddhirāṇyasadr̥śacchadān ||3-58-11||
 sa cintayāmāsa tadā niṣadhādhipatirbalī |
 asti bhakṣo mamādyāyaṃ vasu cedāṃ bhaviṣyati ||3-58-12||
 tatastānantariyeṇa vāsasā samavāstr̥ṇot |
 tasyāntariyamādāya jagmuḥ sarve vihāyasā ||3-58-13||
 utpatantaḥ khagāste tu vākyamāhustadā nalam |
 dr̥ṣṭvā digvāsasaṃ bhūmau sthitaṃ dīnamadhomukham ||3-58-14||
 vayamakṣāḥ sudurbuddhe tava vāso jihīrṣavaḥ |
 āgatā na hi naḥ pṛītiḥ savāsasi gate tvayi ||3-58-15||
 tānsamikṣya gatānakṣānātmānaṃ ca vivāsasaṃ |
 puṇyaślokastato rājā damayantimathābravīt ||3-58-16||
 yeṣāṃ prakopādaiśvaryātpracyuto 'hamanindite |
 prāṇayātrāṃ na vinde ca duḥkhitaḥ kṣudhayārditaḥ ||3-58-17||
 yeṣāṃ kṛte na satkāramakurvanmayi naiṣadhāḥ |
 ta ime śakunā bhūtvā vāso 'pyapaharanti me ||3-58-18||
 vaiṣamyāṃ paramaṃ prāpto duḥkhito gatacetanaḥ |

bhartā te 'haṃ nibodhedāṃ vacanaṃ hitamātmanaḥ ||3-58-19||
 ete gacchanti bahavaḥ panthāno dakṣiṇāpatham |
 avantīmṛkṣavantaṃ ca samatikramya parvatam ||3-58-20||
 eṣa vindhyo mahāśailaḥ payoṣṇī ca samudragā |
 āśramāśca maharṣiṇāmamī puṣpaphalānvitāḥ ||3-58-21||
 eṣa panthā vidarbhanāmayāṃ gacchati kosalan |
 ataḥ paraṃ ca deśo 'yaṃ dakṣiṇe dakṣiṇāpathaḥ ||3-58-22||
 tataḥ sā bāṣpakalayā vācā duḥkhena karṣitā |
 uvāca damayantī taṃ naiṣadhaṃ karuṇaṃ vacaḥ ||3-58-23||
 udvepate me hṛdayaṃ sīdantyaṅgāni sarvaśaḥ |
 tava pārthiva saṃkalpaṃ cintayantyaḥ puṇaḥ puṇaḥ ||3-58-24||
 hr̥tarājyaṃ hr̥tadhaṇaṃ vivastraṃ kṣucchramānvitam |
 kathamutsrjya gaccheyamaḥ tvāṃ vijane vane ||3-58-25||
 śrāntasya te kṣudhārtasya cintayānasya tatsukham |
 vane ghore mahārāja nāśayīṣyāmi te klamam ||3-58-26||
 na ca bhāryāsamaṃ kiṃcidvidyate bhiṣajāṃ matam |
 auṣadhaṃ sarvaduḥkheṣu satyametadbrevimi te ||3-58-27||
 nala uvāca |
 evametadyathāttha tvāṃ damayanti sumadhyame |
 nāsti bhāryāsamaṃ mitraṃ narasyārtasya bheṣajam ||3-58-28||
 na cāhaṃ tyaktukāmastvāṃ kimarthaṃ bhīru śāṅkase |
 tyajeyamaḥmātmānaṃ na tveva tvāmanindite ||3-58-29||
 damayantiyuvāca |
 yadi māṃ tvāṃ mahārāja na vihātumihecchasi |
 tatkimarthaṃ vidarbhanāṃ panthāḥ samupadiśyate ||3-58-30||
 avaimi cāhaṃ nṛpate na tvāṃ māṃ tyaktumarhasi |
 cetasā tvapakṛṣṭena māṃ tyajethā mahāpate ||3-58-31||
 panthānaṃ hi mamābhikṣṇamākhyāsi narasattama |
 atonimittaṃ śokaṃ me vardhayasyamaraprabha ||3-58-32||
 yadi cāyamabhiprāyastava rājanvrajediti |
 sahitāveva gacchāvo vidarbhanāyādi manyase ||3-58-33||
 vidarbharājastatra tvāṃ pūjayiṣyati mānada |
 tena tvāṃ pūjito rājansukhaṃ vatsyasi no gṛhe ||3-58-34||
 nala uvāca |
 yathā rājyaṃ pituste tattathā mama na saṃśayaḥ |

na tu tatra gamiṣyāmi viṣamasthaḥ kathamcāna ||3-59-1||
 katham samrddho gatvāham tava harṣavivardhanaḥ |
 paridyūno gamiṣyāmi tava śokavivardhanaḥ ||3-59-2||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 iti bruvannalo rājā damayantīm punaḥ punaḥ |
 sāntvayāmāsa kalyāṇīm vāsaso 'rdhena saṃvṛtām ||3-59-3||
 tāvekavastrasaṃvītāvaṭamānāvītaṣṭataḥ |
 kṣutpipāsāparīśrāntau sabhām kāmciḍupeyatuh ||3-59-4||
 tām sabhāmupasamprāpya tadā sa niṣadhādhipaḥ |
 vaidarbhyā sahito rājā niṣasāda mahītale ||3-59-5||
 sa vai vivastro malino vikacaḥ pāmsugunṭhitaḥ |
 damayantyā saha śrāntaḥ suṣvāpa dharaṇītale ||3-59-6||
 damayantyapi kalyāṇī nidrayāpahṛtā tataḥ |
 sahasā duḥkhamāsādyā sukumārī tapasvinī ||3-59-7||
 suptāyām damayantyām tu nalo rājā viśām pate |
 śokonmathitacittātmā na sma śete yathā purā ||3-59-8||
 sa tadrājyāpaharaṇam suhrṭtyāgaṃ ca sarvaśaḥ |
 vane ca taṃ paridhvaṃsaṃ prekṣya cintāmupeyivān ||3-59-9||
 kiṃ nu me syādidam kṛtvā kiṃ nu me syādakurvataḥ |
 kiṃ nu me maraṇam śreyāḥ parityāgo janasya vā ||3-59-10||
 māmiyaṃ hyanuraktedam duḥkhamāpnoti matkṛte |
 madvihinā tviyaṃ gacchetkadācitsvajanaṃ prati ||3-59-11||
 mayā niḥsaṃśayaṃ duḥkhamiyaṃ prāpsyatyanuttamā |
 utsarge saṃśayaḥ syāttu vindetāpi sukham kvacit ||3-59-12||
 sa viniścītya bahudhā vicārya ca punaḥ punaḥ |
 utsarge 'manyata śreyo damayantyā narādhipaḥ ||3-59-13||
 so 'vastratāmātmanaśca tasyāścāpyekavastratām |
 cintayitvādhyagādrājā vastrārdhasyāvākartanam ||3-59-14||
 katham vāso vikarteyaṃ na ca budhyeta me priyā |
 cintyaivaṃ naiśadho rājā sabhām paryacarattadā ||3-59-15||
 paridhāvannatha nala itaścetaśca bhārata |
 āsasāda sabhoddeśe vikośam khaḍgamuttamam ||3-59-16||
 tenārdham vāsasaśchittvā nivasya ca paraṃtapaḥ |
 suptāmutsṛjya vaidarbhim prādravadgatacetanaḥ ||3-59-17||
 tato nibaddhahṛdayaḥ punarāgamyā tām sabhām |

damayantīm tathā drṣtvā ruroda niṣadhādhipaḥ ||3-59-18||
 yām na vāyurna cādityaḥ purā paśyati me priyām |
 seyamadya sabhāmādhye śete bhūmāvanāthavat ||3-59-19||
 iyaṃ vastrāvākartena saṃvītā cāruhāsinī |
 unmatteva varārohā katham buddhvā bhaviṣyati ||3-59-20||
 kathamekā sati bhaimī mayā virahitā śubhā |
 cariṣyati vane ghore mṛgavyālanīṣevite ||3-59-21||
 gatvā gatvā nalo rājā punareti sabhām muhuḥ |
 ākṛṣyamāṇaḥ kalinā sauhṛdenāpakṛṣyate ||3-59-22||
 dvidheva hṛdayaṃ tasya duḥkhitasyābhavattadā |
 doleva muhurāyāti yāti caiva sabhām muhuḥ ||3-59-23||
 so 'pakṛṣṭastu kalinā mohitaḥ prādravannalaḥ |
 suptāmutsṛjya tām bhāryām vilapya karuṇam bahu ||3-59-24||
 naṣṭātmā kalinā spṛṣṭastattadvigaṇayanrpaḥ |
 jagāmaiva vane śūnye bhāryāmutsṛjya duḥkhitāḥ ||3-59-25||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 apakrānte nale rājandamayanti gataklamā |
 abudhyata varārohā saṃtrastā vijane vane ||3-60-1||
 sāpaśyamānā bhartāraṃ duḥkhaśokasamanvitā |
 prākrośaduccaiḥ saṃtrastā mahārājeti naiśadham ||3-60-2||
 hā nātha hā mahārāja hā svāminkim jahāsi mām |
 hā hatāsmi vinaṣṭāsmi bhītāsmi vijane vane ||3-60-3||
 nanu nāma mahārāja dharmajñāḥ satyavāgasi |
 kathamuktavā tathāsatyaṃ suptāmutsṛjya mām gataḥ ||3-60-4||
 kathamutsṛjya gantāsi vaśyām bhāryāmanuvratām |
 viśeṣato 'napakṛte pareṇāpakṛte sati ||3-60-5||
 śakṣyase tā giraḥ satyāḥ kartum mayi nareśvara |
 yāstvayā lokapālānām saṃnidhau kathitāḥ purā ||3-60-6||
 paryāptaḥ parihāso 'yametāvānpuruṣarṣabha |
 bhītāhamasmi durdharṣa darśayātmānamīśvara ||3-60-7||
 drṣyase drṣyase rājanneṣa tiṣṭhasi naiśadha |
 āvārya gulmairātmānam kiṃ mām na pratibhāṣase ||3-60-8||
 nṛśaṃsaṃ bata rājendra yanmāmevaṃgatāmiha |
 vilapantiṃ samāliṅgya nāśvāsayasi pārthiva ||3-60-9||
 na śocāmyahamātmānam na cānyadapi kimcāna |

katham nu bhavitāsyeka iti tvām nr̥pa śocimi ||3-60-10||
 katham nu rājamstr̥ṣitaḥ kṣudhitaḥ śramakarśitaḥ |
 sâyāhne vṛkṣamūleṣu māmapaśyanbhaviṣyasi ||3-60-11||
 tataḥ sâ tivraśokārtā pradīpteva ca manyunā |
 itaścetaśca rudatī paryadhāvata duḥkhitā ||3-60-12||
 muhurutpatate bālā muhuḥ patati vihvalā |
 muhurāliyate bhītā muhuḥ krośati roditi ||3-60-13||
 sâ tivraśokasamtaptā muhurnihśvasya vihvalā |
 uvāca bhaimī niṣkrāmya rodamānā pativratā ||3-60-14||
 yasyābhiśāpādduḥkhārto duḥkham vindati naiśadhaḥ |
 tasya bhūtasya tadduḥkhādduḥkhamabhyadhikam bhavet ||3-60-15||
 apāpacetasam pāpo ya evam kṛtavānalam |
 tasmādduḥkhataram prāpya jīvatvasukhajīvikām ||3-60-16||
 evam tu vilapantī sâ rājño bhāryā mahātmanaḥ |
 anveṣati sma bhartāram vane śvāpadasevite ||3-60-17||
 unmattavadbhimasutā vilapantī tatastataḥ |
 hā hā rājanniti muhuritaścetaśca dhāvati ||3-60-18||
 tām śuśyamānāmatyartham kurarīmiva vāśatim |
 karuṇam bahu śocantīm vilapantīm muhurmuhuḥ ||3-60-19||
 sahasābhyāgatām bhaimīmabhyāśaparivartinīm |
 jagrāhājagaro grāho mahākāyaḥ kṣudhānvitaḥ ||3-60-20||
 sâ grasyamānā grāheṇa śokena ca parājitā |
 nātmānam śocati tathā yathā śocati naiśadham ||3-60-21||
 hā nātha māmīha vane grasyamānāmanāthavat |
 grāheṇānena vipine kimartham nābhidhāvasi ||3-60-22||
 katham bhaviṣyasi punarmāmanusmr̥tya naiśadha |
 pāpānmuktaḥ punarlabdhvā buddhim ceto dhanāni ca ||3-60-23||
 śrāntasya te kṣudhārtasya pariglānasya naiśadha |
 kaḥ śramam rājaśārdūla nāśayiṣyati mānada ||3-60-24||
 tāmakasmānmṛgavyādho vicarangahane vane |
 ākrandatīmupaśrutya javenābhisaśāra ha ||3-60-25||
 tām sa dr̥ṣtvā tathā grastāmuragenāyatekṣaṇām |
 tvaramāṇo mṛgavyādhaḥ samabhikramya vegitaḥ ||3-60-26||
 mukhataḥ pātayāmāsa śastreṇa nisitena ha |
 nirviceṣtam bhujamgam tam viśasya mṛgajīvanaḥ ||3-60-27||

mokṣayitvā ca tām vyādhaḥ prakṣālya salilena ca |
 samāśvāsyā kṛtāhārāmatha papraccha bhārata ||3-60-28||
 kasya tvam mṛgaśāvākṣi katham cābhyāgatā vanam |
 katham cedam mahatkṛcchram prāptavatyasi bhāmini ||3-60-29||
 damayantī tathā tena pṛcchyamānā viśam pate |
 sarvametadyathāvṛttamācacakṣe 'sya bhārata ||3-60-30||
 tāmardhavastrasaṃvītām pīnaśroṇipayodharām |
 sukumārānavadyāṅgim pūrṇacandranibhānanām ||3-60-31||
 arālapakṣmanayanām tathā madhurabhāṣiṇīm |
 lakṣayitvā mṛgavyādhaḥ kāmasya vaśameyivān ||3-60-32||
 tāmatha ślakṣṇayā vācā lubdhako mṛdupurvayā |
 sāntvayāmāsa kāmārtastadabudhyata bhāmini ||3-60-33||
 damayantī tu tam duṣtamupalabhya pativratā |
 tivraroṣasamāviṣṭā prajajvāleva manyunā ||3-60-34||
 sa tu pāpamatih kṣudraḥ pradharṣayitumāturaḥ |
 durdharṣam tarkayāmāsa diptāmagnīśikhāmiva ||3-60-35||
 damayantī tu duḥkhārtā patirājyavinākr̥tā |
 atitavākpathe kāle śaśāpainaḥ ruṣā kila ||3-60-36||
 yathāham naiśadhādanyam manasāpi na cintaye |
 tathāyam patatām kṣudraḥ parāsurmṛgajīvanaḥ ||3-60-37||
 uktamātre tu vacane tayā sa mṛgajīvanaḥ |
 vyaśuḥ papāta medinyāmagnidagdha iva drumāḥ ||3-60-38||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 sâ nihatya mṛgavyādham pratasthe kamalekṣaṇā |
 vanam pratibhayam sūnyam jhillikāgaṇanāditam ||3-61-1||
 siṃhavyāghravarāharkṣarurudvīpiniṣevitam |
 nānāpakṣigaṇākīrṇam mlecchataskarasevitam ||3-61-2||
 śālaveṇudhavāśvatthatindukeṅgudakimśukaiḥ |
 arjunāriṣṭasamchannam candanaiśca saśālmalaiḥ ||3-61-3||
 jambvāmralodhrakhadiraśākavetrasamākulam |
 kāśmaryāmalakaplakṣakadambodumbarāvṛtam ||3-61-4||
 badarībilvasamchannam nyagrodhaiśca samākulam |
 priyālatālakharjūraharitakabibhitakaiḥ ||3-61-5||
 nānādhātuśatairnaddhānvividhānapi cācalān |
 nikuñjānpakṣisaṃghuṣṭāndariścādbhutadarśanāḥ |

nadīḥ sarāṃsi vāpīśca vivīdhāṃśca mṛḡadvijān ||3-61-6||
 sā bahūnbhīmarūpāṃśca piśācoragarākṣasān |
 palvalāni taḍāgāni girikūṭāni sarvaśaḥ |
 saritaḥ sāgarāṃścaiva dadarsādbhutadarśanān ||3-61-7||
 yūthaśo dadṛṣe cātra vidarbhādhipanandinī |
 mahiṣānvarāhāṅgomāyūnṛkṣavānarapannagān ||3-61-8||
 tejasā yaśasā sthityā śriyā ca parayā yutā |
 vaidarbhī vicaratyekā nalamanveṣatī tadā ||3-61-9||
 nābibhyatsā nṛpasutā bhaimī tatrātha kasyacit |
 dāruṇāmaṭavim prāpya bhartṛvyasanakarśitā ||3-61-10||
 vidarbhatanayā rājanvilalāpa suduḥkhitā |
 bhartṛśokaparītāṅgī śilātalasamāśritā ||3-61-11||
 damayantyuvāca |
 śiṃhoraska mahābāho niṣadhānāṃ janādhipa |
 kva nu rājangato 'siha tyaktvā māṃ nirjane vane ||3-61-12||
 aśvamedhādibhirvīra kratubhiḥ svāptadakṣiṇaiḥ |
 kathamiṣṭvā naravyāghra mayi mithyā pravartase ||3-61-13||
 yattvayoktaṃ naravyāghra matsamakṣaṃ mahādyute |
 kartumarhasi kalyāṇa tadṛtaṃ pāṛthivarśabha ||3-61-14||
 yathoktaṃ vihagairhaṃsaiḥ samīpe tava bhūmipa |
 matsakāśe ca tairuktaṃ tadavekṣitumarhasi ||3-61-15||
 catvāra ekato vedāḥ sāṅgopāṅgāḥ savistarāḥ |
 svadhītā mānavaśreṣṭha satyamekaṃ kilaikataḥ ||3-61-16||
 tasmādarhasi śatrughna satyaṃ kartuṃ nareśvara |
 uktavānasi yadvīra matsakāśe purā vacaḥ ||3-61-17||
 hā vīra nanu nāmāhamiṣṭā kila tavānagha |
 asyāmaṭavyāṃ ghorāyāṃ kiṃ māṃ na pratibhāṣase ||3-61-18||
 bhartsayatyeṣa māṃ raudro vyāttāsyo dāruṇākṛtiḥ |
 araṇyarāṭkṣudhāviṣṭaḥ kiṃ māṃ na trātumarhasi ||3-61-19||
 na me tvadanyā subhage priyā ityabravīstadā |
 tāmṛtāṃ kuru kalyāṇa puroktāṃ bhāratīm nṛpa ||3-61-20||
 unmattāṃ vilapantīm māṃ bhāryāmiṣṭāṃ narādhipa |
 īpsitāmīpsito nātha kiṃ māṃ na pratibhāṣase ||3-61-21||
 kṛśāṃ dīnāṃ vivarṇāṃ ca malināṃ vasudhādhipa |
 vastrārdhaprāvṛtāmekāṃ vilapantīmanāthavat ||3-61-22||

yūthabhraṣṭāmivaikāṃ māṃ harinīm pṛthulocana |
 na mānayasi mānārha rudatīmarikarśana ||3-61-23||
 mahārāja mahāraṇye māmihaiḥ kinīm satīm |
 ābhāṣamāṇāṃ svāṃ patnīm kiṃ māṃ na pratibhāṣase ||3-61-24||
 kulaśilopasaṃpannaṃ cārusarvāṅgaśobhanaṃ |
 nādyā tvāmanupaśyāmi girāvasminnarottama |
 vane cāsmīn mahāghore śiṃhavyāghraṇiṣevite ||3-61-25||
 śayānamupaviṣṭaṃ vā sthitāṃ vā niṣadhādhipa |
 prasthitāṃ vā naraśreṣṭha mama śokavivardhana ||3-61-26||
 kaṃ nu pṛcchāmi duḥkḥartā tvadarthe śokakarśitā |
 kacciddṛṣṭastvayāraṇye saṃgatyeḥa nalo nṛpaḥ ||3-61-27||
 ko nu me kathayedadya vane 'sminviṣṭhitāṃ nalam |
 abhirūpaṃ mahātmānaṃ paravyūhavināśanam ||3-61-28||
 yamanveṣasi rājānaṃ nalam padmanibhekṣaṇam |
 ayaṃ sa iti kasyādyā śroṣyāmi madhurāṃ giram ||3-61-29||
 araṇyarāḍayaṃ śrīmāmścaturdamṣṭro mahāhanuḥ |
 śārdūlo 'bhimukhaḥ praiti pṛcchāmyenamaśaṅkitā ||3-61-30||
 bhavān mṛḡāṇāmadhipastvamasminkānane prabhuḥ |
 vidarbharājanayāṃ damayantīti viddhi māṃ ||3-61-31||
 niṣadhādhipaterbhāryāṃ nalasyāmitraghātinaḥ |
 patimanveṣatīmekāṃ kṛpaṇāṃ śokakarśitām |
 āśvāsaya mṛgendreha yadi dṛṣṭastvayā nalaḥ ||3-61-32||
 atha vāraṇyanṛpate nalam yadi na śaṃsasi |
 māmadasva mṛgaśreṣṭha viśokāṃ kuru duḥkhitām ||3-61-33||
 śrutvāraṇye vilapitāṃ mamaiṣa mṛgarāṭsvayam |
 yātyetāṃ mṛṣṭasālilāmāpagāṃ sāgaraṃgamām ||3-61-34||
 imaṃ śiloccayaṃ puṇyaṃ śṛṅgairbahubhirucchritaiḥ |
 virājadbhirdivaspṛgbhirnaikavarṇairmanoramaiḥ ||3-61-35||
 nānādhātusamākīrṇāṃ vivīdhopalabhūṣitam |
 asyāraṇyasya mahataḥ ketubhūtamivocchritam ||3-61-36||
 śiṃhaśārdūlamātaṅgavarāharkṣamṛḡāyutam |
 patatribhīrbahuvīdhaiḥ samantādanunādītam ||3-61-37||
 kiṃśukāśokabakulapuṃnāgairupaśobhitam |
 saridbhiḥ savihamaṅgābhiḥ śikharaiścopaśobhitam |
 girirājamimaṃ tāvatpṛcchāmi nṛpatīm prati ||3-61-38||

bhagavannacalaśreṣṭha divyadarśana viśruta |
 śaraṇya bahukalyāṇa namaste 'stu mahīdhara ||3-61-39||
 praṇame tvābhigamyāhaṃ rājaputrīm nibodha mām |
 rājñāḥ snuṣāṃ rājabhāryāṃ damayantīti viśrutām ||3-61-40||
 rājā vidarbhādhipatiḥ pitā mama mahārathaḥ |
 bhīmo nāma kṣitipatiścāturvarṇyasya rakṣitā ||3-61-41||
 rājasūyāśvamedhānām kratūnām dakṣiṇāvātām |
 āhartā pārhivaśreṣṭhaḥ pṛthucārvañcitekṣaṇaḥ ||3-61-42||
 brahmaṇyaḥ sādhuvr̥ttaśca satyavāganasūyakaḥ |
 śīlavānsusamācāraḥ pṛthuśrīrdharmavicchuciḥ ||3-61-43||
 samyaggoptā vidarbhāṇām nirjītarīgaṇaḥ prabhuḥ |
 tasya mām viddhi tanayāṃ bhagavamstvāmupasthitām ||3-61-44||
 niṣadheṣu mahāśaila śvaśuro me nṛpottamaḥ |
 sugṛhītanāmā vikhyāto vīrasena iti sma ha ||3-61-45||
 tasya rājñāḥ suto vīraḥ śrīmānsatyaparākramaḥ |
 kramaprāptaṃ pituḥ svaṃ yo rājyaṃ samanūsāsti ha ||3-61-46||
 nalo nāmāridamanaḥ puṇyaśloka iti śrutaḥ |
 brahmaṇyo vedavidvāgmī puṇyakṛtsomapo 'gnicit ||3-61-47||
 yaṣṭā dātā ca yoddhā ca samyakcaiva praśāsītā |
 tasya māmcalaśreṣṭha viddhi bhāryāmihāgatām ||3-61-48||
 tyakṣāriyaṃ bhartṛhināmanāthāṃ vyasanānvitām |
 anveṣamāṇām bhartāraṃ taṃ vai naravarottamam ||3-61-49||
 khamullikhadbhiretairhi tvayā śṛṅgaśatairnṛpaḥ |
 kacciddṛṣṭo 'calaśreṣṭha vane 'smindāruṇe nalaḥ ||3-61-50||
 gajendravigramo dhimāndīrghabāhuramarṣaṇaḥ |
 vikrāntaḥ satyavāgdhīro bhartā mama mahāyaśāḥ |
 niṣadhānāmadhipatiḥ kacciddṛṣṭastvayā nalaḥ ||3-61-51||
 kiṃ mām vilapatīmekām parvataśreṣṭha duḥkhitām |
 girā nāśvāsasyadya svām sutāmiva duḥkhitām ||3-61-52||
 vīra vikrānta dharmajña satyasam̐dha mahīpate |
 yadyasyasminvane rājandarśayātmānamātmanā ||3-61-53||
 kadā nu snigdhaḡambhīrām jīmūtasvanasam̐nibhām |
 śroṣyāmi naiṣadhasyāhaṃ vācaṃ tāmamṛtopamām ||3-61-54||
 vaidarbhītyeva kathitām śubhām rājño mahātmanaḥ |
 āmnāyasāriṇimṛddhām mama śokanibarhiṇīm ||3-61-55||

iti sā taṃ giriśreṣṭhamuktivā pārhivanandinī |
 damayantī tato bhūyo jagāma dīsamuttarām ||3-61-56||
 sā gatvā trīnahorātrāndadarśa paramāṅganā |
 tāpasāraṇyamatulam̐ divyakānanadarśanam̐ ||3-61-57||
 vasiṣṭhabhṛgvatrisamaistāpasairupaśobhitam̐ |
 niyataiḥ samyatāhārairdamaśaucasamanvitaiḥ ||3-61-58||
 abbhakṣairvāyubhakṣaiśca patrāhāraistathaiva ca |
 jīteṇdriyairmahābhāgaiḥ svargamārgadīrḡkṣubhiḥ ||3-61-59||
 valkalājīnasam̐vitairmunibhiḥ samyatendriyaiḥ |
 tāpasādhyuṣitam̐ ramyaṃ dadarśāśramamaṅḡdalam̐ ||3-61-60||
 sā dṛṣṭvaivāśramapadam̐ nānāmṛgaṇiṣevitam̐ |
 śākhāmṛgagaṇaiścaiva tāpasaiśca samanvitam̐ ||3-61-61||
 subhrūḥ sukeśī suśroṇī sukucā sudvijānanā |
 varcasvinī supraṭiṣṭhā svañcitodyatagāminī ||3-61-62||
 sā viveśāśramapadam̐ vīrasenasutapriyā |
 yoṣidratnaṃ mahābhāḡā damayantī manasvinī ||3-61-63||
 sābhivādya tapovṛddhānvīnayaṅvanatā sthitā |
 svāgatam̐ ta iti proktā taiḥ sarvaistāpasaiśca sā ||3-61-64||
 pūjām̐ cāsyā yathānyāyam̐ kṛtvā tatra tapodhanāḥ |
 āsyatāmityathocuste brūhi kiṃ karavāmahe ||3-61-65||
 tānuvāca varārohā kaccidbhagavatāmiha |
 tapasyaḡniṣu dharmeṣu mṛḡapakṣiṣu cānaghāḥ |
 kuśalam̐ vo mahābhāḡāḥ svadharmacaraṇeṣu ca ||3-61-66||
 tairuktā kuśalam̐ bhadre sarvatreti yaśasvinī |
 brūhi sarvānavadyāṅgi kā tvam̐ kiṃ ca cikīrṣasi ||3-61-67||
 dṛṣṭvaiva te param̐ rūpaṃ dyutiṃ ca paramāmiha |
 vismayo naḥ samutpannaḥ samāśvasiḥi mā śucaḥ ||3-61-68||
 asyāraṇyasya mahatī devatā vā mahībhṛtaḥ |
 asyā nu nadyāḥ kalyāṇi vada satyamanindite ||3-61-69||
 sābravittānṛṣīnnāhamaraṇyasyāsyā devatā |
 na cāpyasya girerviprā na nadyā devatāpyaham̐ ||3-61-70||
 mānuṣīm̐ mām̐ vijānīta yūyam̐ sarve tapodhanāḥ |
 vistareṇābhīdhāsyāmi tanme śṛṇuta sarvaśaḥ ||3-61-71||
 vidarbheṣu mahīpālo bhīmo nāma mahādyutiḥ |
 tasya mām̐ tanayāṃ sarve jānīta dvijasattamāḥ ||3-61-72||

niṣadhādhipatirdhīmānalo nāma mahāyaśāḥ |
 viraḥ saṃgrāmajidvidvānmama bhartā viśāṃ patih ||3-61-73||
 devatābhyarcanaṃparod dvijātijanavatsalaḥ |
 goptā niṣadhavaṃśasya mahābhāgo mahādyutiḥ ||3-61-74||
 satyavāgdharmavitprājñāḥ satyasamdhō 'rimardanaḥ |
 brahmaṇyo daivataparaḥ śrīmānparapuramjayaḥ ||3-61-75||
 nalo nāma nṛpaśreṣṭho devarājasamadyutiḥ |
 mama bhartā viśālākṣaḥ pūrṇenduvadano 'rihā ||3-61-76||
 āhartā kratumukhyānāṃ vedavedāṅgapāraḥ |
 sapatnānāṃ mṛdhe hantā ravisomasamaprabhaḥ ||3-61-77||
 sa kaiścinnikṛtiprajñairakalyāṇairnarādhamaiḥ |
 āhūya pṛthivipālaḥ satyadharmaparāyaṇaḥ |
 devane kuśalairjihmairjito rājyaṃ vasūni ca ||3-61-78||
 tasya māmavagacchadhvaṃ bhāryāṃ rājarṣabhasya vai |
 damayantīti vikhyātāṃ bhartṛdarśanalālasāṃ ||3-61-79||
 sā vanāni girimścaiva sarāṃsi saritastathā |
 palvalāni ca ramyāni tathāraṇyāni sarvaśaḥ ||3-61-80||
 anveṣamāṇā bhartāraṃ nalaṃ raṇaviśāradam |
 mahātmānaṃ kṛtāstraṃ ca vicarāmīha duḥkhitā ||3-61-81||
 kaccidbhagavatāṃ puṇyaṃ tapovanamidam nṛpaḥ |
 bhavetprāpto nalo nāma niṣadhānāṃ janādhipaḥ ||3-61-82||
 yatkrte 'hamidaṃ viprāḥ prapannā bhṛśadāruṇam |
 vanam pratibhayaṃ ghoram sārdūlamṛgasevitam ||3-61-83||
 yadi kaiścidadhorātrairna drakṣyāmi nalam nṛpam |
 ātmānaṃ śreyasā yokṣye dehasyāsya vimocanāt ||3-61-84||
 ko nu me jivitenārthastamṛte puruṣarṣabham |
 katham bhaviṣyāmyadyāham bhartṛśokābhīpīditā ||3-61-85||
 evam vilapatīmekāmarāṇye bhīmanandinim |
 damayantīmathocuste tāpasāḥ satyavādinaḥ ||3-61-86||
 udarkastava kalyāṇi kalyāṇo bhavitā śubhe |
 vyaṃ paśyāma tapasā kṣipraṃ drakṣyasi naiśadham ||3-61-87||
 niṣadhānāmādhipatiṃ nalam ripunighātinam |
 bhāimi dharmabhṛtāṃ śreṣṭhaṃ drakṣyase vigatajvaram ||3-61-88||
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 tadeva nagarāśreṣṭhaṃ praśāsantamarīdamam ||3-61-89||

dviṣatāṃ bhayakartāraṃ suhrdāṃ śokanāśanam |
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 antarhitāstāpasāste sāgnihotrāśramāstadā ||3-61-91||
 sā drṣṭvā mahadāścaryaṃ vismitā abhavattadā |
 damayantyanavadyāṅgī vīrasenanṛpasnuṣā ||3-61-92||
 kiṃ nu svapno mayā drṣṭaḥ ko 'yaṃ vidhirihābhavat |
 kva nu te tāpasāḥ sarve kva tadāśramamaṇḍalam ||3-61-93||
 kva sā puṇyajalā ramyā nānādvijaniṣevitā |
 nadī te ca nagā hṛdyāḥ phalapuṣpopaśobhitāḥ ||3-61-94||
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 sā gatvāthāparāṃ bhūmim bāṣpasamdigdhayā girā |
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 pallavāpīditam hṛdyam vihaṃgairanunāditam ||3-61-97||
 aho batāyamagamaḥ śrīmānasminvanāntare |
 āpīdairbahubhirbhātī śrīmāndramiḍarāḍiva ||3-61-98||
 viśokāṃ kuru māṃ kṣipramaśoka priyadarśana |
 vītaśokabhayābādham kaccittvam drṣṭavānnṛpam ||3-61-99||
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 satyanāmā bhavāśoka mama śokavināśanāt ||3-61-102||
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 jagāma dāruṇataram deśam bhāimi varāṅganā ||3-61-103||
 sā dadarśa nagānnaikānnaikāśca saritastathā |
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 gatvā prakṣṭamādhvānaṃ damayanti śucismitā |
 dadarśātha mahāsārtham hastyaśvarathasamkulam ||3-61-106||
 uttarantaṃ nadim ramyāṃ prasannasalilāṃ śubhām |

suśītatoyāṃ vistīrṇāṃ hradinīm vetasairvṛtām ||3-61-107||
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 kūrmagrāhajhaṣākīrṇāṃ pulinadvīpaśobhitām ||3-61-108||
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 cakrustasyām dayām kecitpapracchuścāpi bhārata ||3-61-112||
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 devatā tvam hi kalyāṇi tvām vayam śaraṇam gatāḥ ||3-61-114||
 yakṣi vā rākṣasi vā tvamutāho 'si varāṅganā |
 sarvathā kuru naḥ svasti rakṣasvāsmānanindite ||3-61-115||
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 tathā vidhatsva kalyāṇi tvām vayam śaraṇam gatāḥ ||3-61-116||
 tathoktā tena sārthena damayanti nṛpātmajā |
 pratyuvāca tataḥ sādhvī bhartṛvyasanaduḥkhitā |
 sārthavāham ca sārtham ca janā ye cātra kecana ||3-61-117||
 yūnaḥ sthavirabālāśca sārthasya ca purogamāḥ |
 mānuṣīm māṃ vijānīta manujādhipateḥ sutām |
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 nalo nāma mahābhāgastam mārgāmyaparājitam ||3-61-119||
 yadi jānīta nṛpatim kṣipram śamsata me priyam |
 nalam pārvathāśārdūlamamitragaṇasūdanam ||3-61-120||
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 aham sārthasya netā vai sārthavāhaḥ śucismite |
 manuṣyam nalanāmānam na paśyāmi yaśasvini ||3-61-122||
 kuñjaradvīpimahīśārdūlarkṣamṛgānapi |
 paśyāmyasminvane kaṣṭhe amanuṣyaniṣevite |

tathā no yakṣarādadya mañibhadraḥ prasīdatu ||3-61-123||
 sābravīdvañijaḥ sarvānsārthavāham ca tam tataḥ |
 kva nu yāsyasi sārtho 'yametadākhyātumarhatha ||3-61-124||
 sārthavāha uvāca |
 sārtho 'yam cedirājasya subāhoḥ satyavādinaḥ |
 kṣipram janapadam gantā lābhāya manujātmaje ||3-61-125||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
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 agacchattena vai sārtham bhartṛdarśanalālasā ||3-62-1||
 atha kāle bahutithe vane mahati dāruṇe |
 tadāgam sarvatobhadram padmasaugandhikam mahat ||3-62-2||
 dadṛsurvañijo ramyam prabhūtayavasendhanam |
 bahumūlaphalopetam nānāpakṣiganairvṛtam ||3-62-3||
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 supariśrāntavāhāste niveśāya mano dadhuḥ ||3-62-4||
 sammate sārthavāhasya vivīsurvanamuttamam |
 uvāsa sārthaḥ sumahānvelāmāsādya paścimām ||3-62-5||
 athārdharātrasamaye niḥśabdastimite tadā |
 supte sārthe pariśrānte hastiyūthamupāgamat |
 pānīyārtham girinadim madaprasravaṇāvilām ||3-62-6||
 mārgam samrudhya samśuptam padminyāḥ sārthamuttamam |
 suptam mamarda sahasā ceṣṭamānam mahitale ||3-62-7||
 hāhāravam pramuñcantaḥ sārthikāḥ śaraṇārthinaḥ |
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 kecidantaiḥ karaiḥ kecitkecitpadbhyām hatā narāḥ ||3-62-8||
 gokharoṣṭrāśvabahulam padātijanasaṃkulam |
 bhayārtam dhāvamānam tatparasparahatam tadā ||3-62-9||
 ghorānnādānvimuñcanto nipeturdharaṇitale |
 vṛkṣeśvāsajya saṃbhagnāḥ patitā viṣameṣu ca |
 tathā tannihatam sarvam samṛddham sārthamaṇḍalam ||3-62-10||
 athāparedyuh samprāpte hataśiṣṭā janāstadā |
 vanagulmādviniṣkramya śocanto vaiśasam kṛtam |
 bhrātaram pitaram putram sakhāyam ca janādhipa ||3-62-11||
 aśocattatra vaidarbhiḥ kiṃ nu me duṣkṛtam kṛtam |
 yo 'pi me nirjane 'raṇye samprāpto 'yam janārṇavaḥ |

hato 'yaṃ hastiyūthena mandabhāgyānmamaiva tu ||3-62-12||
 prāptavyaṃ suciraṃ duḥkhaṃ mayā nūnamasaṃśayam |
 nāprāptakālo mriyate śrutam vṛddhānuśāsanam ||3-62-13||
 yannāhamadya mṛditā hastiyūthena duḥkhitā |
 na hyadaivakṛtam kiṃ cinnarāṇāmiha vidyate ||3-62-14||
 na ca me bālabhāve 'pi kiṃcidvyapakṛtam kṛtam |
 karmaṇā manasā vācā yadidaṃ duḥkhamāgatam ||3-62-15||
 manye svayaṃvarakṛte lokapālāḥ samāgatāḥ |
 pratyākhyātā mayā tatra nalasyārthāya devatāḥ |
 nūnam teṣāṃ prabhāvena viyogaṃ prāptavatyaham ||3-62-16||
 evamādīni duḥkhāni sā vilapya varāṅganā |
 hataśiṣṭaiḥ saha tadā brāhmaṇairvedapāragaiḥ |
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 gacchantī sā cirātkālātpuramāsādayanmahat |
 sāyāhne cedirājasya subāhoḥ satyavādinaḥ |
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 tāṃ vivarṇāṃ kṛśāṃ dināṃ muktakeśimamārjanām |
 unmattāmiva gacchantīm dadṛśuḥ puravāsinaḥ ||3-62-19||
 praviśantīm tu tāṃ dṛṣṭvā cedirājapurīm tadā |
 anujagmustato bālā grāmiputrāḥ kutūhalāt ||3-62-20||
 sā taiḥ parivṛtāgacchatsamīpaṃ rājaveśmanaḥ |
 tāṃ prāsādagatāpaśyadrājamātā janairvṛtām ||3-62-21||
 sā janam vārayitvā taṃ prāsādatalamuttamam |
 āropya vismitā rājandamayantīmapṛcchata ||3-62-22||
 evamapyasukhāviṣṭā bibharṣi paramaṃ vapuḥ |
 bhāsi vidyudivābhreṣu śaṃsa me kāsi kasya vā ||3-62-23||
 na hi te mānuṣaṃ rūpaṃ bhūṣaṇairapi varjitam |
 asahāyā narebhyaśca nodvijasyamaraprabhe ||3-62-24||
 tacchrutvā vacanaṃ tasyā bhaimī vacanamabravīt |
 mānuṣīm māṃ vijānihi bhartāraṃ samanuvratām ||3-62-25||
 sairandhrīm jātiṣaṃpannāṃ bhujīṣyāṃ kāmavāsiniṃ |
 phalamūlāśanāmekāṃ yatrasāyaṃpratiśrayām ||3-62-26||
 asaṃkhyeyaguṇo bhartā māṃ ca nityamanuvrataḥ |
 bhartāramapi taṃ vīraṃ chāyevānapagā sadā ||3-62-27||
 tasya daivātprasaṅgo 'bhūdatimātraṃ sma devane |

dyūte sa nirjitaścaiva vanameko 'bhyupeyivān ||3-62-28||
 tamekavasanaṃ vīramunmattamiva vihvalam |
 āśvāsayanti bhartāramahamanvagamaṃ vanam ||3-62-29||
 sa kadācidvane vīraḥ kasmiṃścitkāraṇāntare |
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 tamekavasanaṃ nagnamunmattam gatacetasam |
 anuvrajantī bahulā na svapāmi nīśāḥ sadā ||3-62-31||
 tato bahutithe kāle suptāmutsṛjya māṃ kvacit |
 vāsaso 'rdhaṃ paricchidya tyaktavānmāmanāgasam ||3-62-32||
 taṃ mārgamāṇā bhartāraṃ dahyamānā dinakṣapāḥ |
 na vindāmyamaraprakhyam priyam prāṇadhaneśvaram ||3-62-33||
 tāmaśruparipūrṇākṣīm vilapantīm tathā bahu |
 rājamātābravidārtam bhaimimārtatarā svayam ||3-62-34||
 vasasva mayi kalyāṇi prītirme tvayi vartate |
 mṛgayīṣyanti te bhadre bhartāraṃ puruṣā mama ||3-62-35||
 atha vā svayamāgacchetparidhāvannitastataḥ |
 ihaiva vasatī bhadre bhartāramupalapsyase ||3-62-36||
 rājamāturvacaḥ śrutvā damayantī vaco 'bravīt |
 samayenotsahe vastuṃ tvayi vīraprajāyini ||3-62-37||
 ucchiṣṭam naiva bhūñjīyāṃ na kuryāṃ pādadhāvanam |
 na cāham puruṣānanyānsaṃbhāṣeyaṃ kathaṃcana ||3-62-38||
 prārthayedyadi māṃ kaściddaṇḍyaste sa pumānbhavet |
 bhaturanveṣaṇārthaṃ tu paśyeyaṃ brāhmaṇānaham ||3-62-39||
 yadyevamiha kartavyaṃ vasāmyahamasamśayam |
 ato 'nyathā na me vāso vartate hṛdaye kvacit ||3-62-40||
 tāṃ prahrīṣṭena manasā rājamātedamabravīt |
 sarvametakarīṣyāmi diṣṭyā te vratamidṛśam ||3-62-41||
 evamuktivā tato bhaimīm rājamātā viśāṃ pate |
 uvācedaṃ duhitaraṃ sunandām nāma bhārata ||3-62-42||
 sairandhrīmabhijāniṣva sunande devarūpiṇīm |
 etayā saha modasva nirudvignamanāḥ svayam ||3-62-43||
 brhadaśva uvāca |
 utsṛjya damayantīm tu nalo rājā viśāṃ pate |
 dadarśa dāvaṃ dahyantaṃ mahāntaṃ gahane vane ||3-63-1||
 tatra śuśrāva madhye 'gnau śabdaṃ bhūtasya kasyacit |

abhidhāva naletyuccaiḥ puṇyaśloketi cāsakṛt ||3-63-2||
 mā bhairiti nalaścoktvā madhyamagneḥ praviśya tam |
 dadarśa nāgarājānaṃ śayānaṃ kuṇḍalikṛtam ||3-63-3||
 sa nāgaḥ prāñjalirbhūtvā vepamāno nalaṃ tadā |
 uvāca vidhī māṃ rājannāgaṃ karkoṭakaṃ nṛpa ||3-63-4||
 mayā pralabdho brahmarṣiranāgāḥ sumahātapāḥ |
 tena manyuparītena śapto 'smi manujādhipa ||3-63-5||
 tasya śāpāna śaknōmi padādvicalitūṃ padam |
 upadekṣyāmi te śreyastrātumarhati māṃ bhavān ||3-63-6||
 sakhā ca te bhaviṣyāmi matsamo nāsti pannagaḥ |
 laghuśca te bhaviṣyāmi śīghramādāya gaccha mām ||3-63-7||
 evamuktvā sa nāgēdro babhūvāṅguṣṭhamātrakaḥ |
 taṃ gṛhītvā nalaḥ prāyāduddeśaṃ dāvavarjitam ||3-63-8||
 ākāśadeśamāsādyā vimuktaṃ kṛṣṇavartmanā |
 utśraṣṭukāmam taṃ nāgaḥ punaḥ karkoṭako 'bravīt ||3-63-9||
 padāni gaṇayangaccha svāni naiśadha kānicit |
 tatra te 'haṃ mahārāja śreya dhāsyāmi yatparam ||3-63-10||
 tataḥ saṃkhyātumārabdhamadaśaddaśame pade |
 tasya daṣṭasya tadrūpaṃ kṣipramantaradhīyata ||3-63-11||
 sa dṛṣṭvā vismitastathāvātmānaṃ vikṛtaṃ nalaḥ |
 svarūpadhāriṇaṃ nāgaṃ dadarśa ca mahīpatiḥ ||3-63-12||
 tataḥ karkoṭako nāgaḥ sāntvayannalamabravīt |
 mayā te 'ntarhitam rūpaṃ na tvā vidyurjanā iti ||3-63-13||
 yatkr̥te cāsi vikṛto duḥkhena mahatā nala |
 viṣeṇa sa madīyena tvayi duḥkham nivatsyati ||3-63-14||
 viṣeṇa saṃvṛtairgātrairyāvattvām na vimokṣyati |
 tāvattvayi mahārāja duḥkham vai sa nivatsyati ||3-63-15||
 anāgā yena nikṛtastvamanarho janādhipa |
 krodhādasūyayitvā taṃ rakṣā me bhavataḥ kṛtā ||3-63-16||
 na te bhayaṃ naravyāghra daṃṣṭribhyaḥ śatruto 'pi vā |
 brahmaividbhyaśca bhavitā matprasādānnarādhipa ||3-63-17||
 rājanviṣanimittā ca na te piḍā bhaviṣyati |
 saṃgrāmeṣu ca rājendra śaśvajjayamavāpsyasi ||3-63-18||
 gaccha rājannitaḥ sūto bāhuko 'hamiti bruvan |
 samīpamṛtuparṇasya sa hi vedākṣanaipunaṃ |

ayodhyāṃ nagarīṃ ramyāmadyaiva niśadheśvara ||3-63-19||
 sa te 'kṣahṛdayaṃ dātā rājāśvahṛdayena vai |
 ikṣvākukulajaḥ śrīmānmitraṃ caiva bhaviṣyati ||3-63-20||
 bhaviṣyasi yadākṣajñāḥ śreyasā yokṣyase tadā |
 sameṣyasi ca dāraistvaṃ mā sma śoke manaḥ kṛthāḥ |
 rājyena tanayābhyāṃ ca satyametadbravīmi te ||3-63-21||
 svarūpaṃ ca yadā draṣṭumicchethāstvaṃ narādhipa |
 saṃsmartavyastadā te 'haṃ vāsaścedaṃ nivāsayeḥ ||3-63-22||
 anena vāsaścchannaḥ svarūpaṃ pratipatsyase |
 ityuktvā pradadāvasmai divyaṃ vāsoyugaṃ tadā ||3-63-23||
 evaṃ nalaṃ samādīśya vāso dattvā ca kaurava |
 nāgarājastato rājaṃstatraivāntaradhīyata ||3-63-24||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 tasminnantarhite nāge prayayau naiśadho nalaḥ |
 ṛtuparṇasya nagaraṃ praviśaddaśame 'hani ||3-64-1||
 sa rājānamupātiṣṭhadbāhuko 'hamiti bruvan |
 aśvānām vāhane yuktaḥ pṛthivyām nāsti matsamaḥ ||3-64-2||
 arthakṛcchreṣu caivāhaṃ praṣṭavyo naipuneṣu ca |
 annasaṃskāramapi ca jānāmyanyairviśeṣataḥ ||3-64-3||
 yāni śilpāni loke 'sminyaccāpyanyatsuduṣkaram |
 sarvaṃ yatiṣye tatkartumṛtuparṇa bharaśva mām ||3-64-4||
 ṛtuparṇa uvāca |
 vasa bāhuka bhadrāṃ te sarvametatkariṣyasi |
 śīghrayāne sadā buddhirdhīyate me viśeṣataḥ ||3-64-5 ||
 sa tvamātiṣṭha yogaṃ taṃ yena śīghrā hayā mama |
 bhaveyuraśvādhyakṣo 'si vetanaṃ te śataṃ śatāḥ ||3-64-6||
 tvāmupasthāsyataścemau nityaṃ vārṣṇeyajīvalau |
 etābhyām raṃsyase sārđhaṃ vasa vai mayi bāhuka ||3-64-7||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 evamukto nalastena nyavasattatra pūjitaḥ |
 ṛtuparṇasya nagare sahvārṣṇeyajīvalaḥ ||3-64-8||
 sa tatra nivasanrājā vaidarbhīmanucintayan |
 sāyaṃ sāyaṃ sadā cemaṃ ślokamekaṃ jagāda ha ||3-64-9||
 kva nu sā kṣutpipāsārtā śrāntā śete tapasvinī |
 smaranti tasya mandasya kaṃ vā sādyopatiṣṭhati ||3-64-10||

evaṃ bruvantaṃ rājānaṃ niśāyāṃ jīvalo 'bravīt |
 kāmenāṃ śocase nityaṃ śrotumicchāmi bāhuka ||3-64-11||
 tamuvāca nalo rājā mandaprajñasya kasyacit |
 āsīdbahumatā nārī tasyā dṛḍhataraṃ ca saḥ ||3-64-12||
 sa vai kenacidarthena tayā mando vyayujyata |
 viprayuktaśca mandātmā bhramatyasukhapīḍitaḥ ||3-64-13||
 dahyamānaḥ sa śokena divārātramandatandritaḥ |
 niśākāle smaraṃstasyāḥ ślokamekaṃ sma gāyati ||3-64-14||
 sa vai bhramanmahīm sarvāṃ kvacidāsādyā kiṃcana |
 vasatyanarhastadduḥkhaṃ bhūya evānusaṃsmaran ||3-64-15||
 sā tu taṃ puruṣaṃ nārī kṛcchre 'pyanugatā vane |
 tyaktā tenālpapuṇyena duṣkaraṃ yadi jīvati ||3-64-16||
 ekā bālānabhijñā ca mārḡgāṇāmatathocitā |
 kṣutpipāsāparītā ca duṣkaraṃ yadi jīvati ||3-64-17||
 śvāpadācarite nityaṃ vane mahati dāruṇe |
 tyaktā tenālpapuṇyena mandaprajñena mārīṣa ||3-64-18||
 ityevaṃ naiśadho rājā damayantīmanusmaran |
 ajñātavāsamavasadrājñastasya niveśane ||3-64-19||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 hr̥tarājye nale bhīmaḥ sabhārye preṣyatāṃ gate |
 dvijānprasthāpayāmāsa naladarśanakāṅkṣayā ||3-65-1||
 saṃdideśa ca tānbhīmo vasu dattvā ca puṣkalam |
 mṛgayadhvaṃ nalaṃ caiva damayantīm ca me sutām ||3-65-2||
 asminkarmaṇi niṣpanne vijñāte niśadhādhipē |
 gavāṃ sahasraṃ dāsyāmi yo vastāvānayaīṣyati |
 agrahāraṃ ca dāsyāmi grāmaṃ nagarasammitam ||3-65-3||
 na cecchakyāvihānetuṃ damayanti nalo 'pi vā |
 jñātamātre 'pi dāsyāmi gavāṃ daśāsatāṃ dhanam ||3-65-4||
 ityuktāste yayurhr̥ṣṭā brāhmaṇāḥ sarvatodiśam |
 purarāṣṭraṇi cinvanto naiśadhaṃ saha bhāryayā ||3-65-5||
 tataścedipurīm ramyāṃ sudevo nāma vai dvijaḥ |
 vicinvāno 'tha vaidarbhīmapaśyadrājaveśmani |
 puṇyāhavācane rājñāḥ sunandāsahitāṃ sthitāṃ ||3-65-6||
 mandaprakhyāyamānena rūpeṇāpratimena tām |
 pinaddhāṃ dhūmajālena prabhāmiva vibhāvasoḥ ||3-65-7||

tāṃ samikṣya viśālākṣīmadhikaṃ malināṃ kṛśām |
 tarkayāmāsa bhaimīti kāraṇairupapādayan ||3-65-8||
 sudeva uvāca |
 yatheyāṃ me purā dṛṣṭā tathārūpeyamaṅganā |
 kṛtārtho 'smyadya dṛṣṭvemāṃ lokakāntāmiva śriyam ||3-65-9||
 pūrṇacandrānanāṃ śyāmāṃ cāruvṛttapayodharām |
 kurvantīm prabhayā devīm sarvā vitimirā diśaḥ ||3-65-10||
 cārupadmapalāśākṣīm manmathasya ratīmiva |
 iṣṭāṃ sarvasya jagataḥ pūrṇacandrāprabhāmiva ||3-65-11||
 vidarbhasarasastasmāddaivadoṣādivoddhṛtām |
 malapaṅkānuliptāṅgīm mṛṇālīmiva tāṃ bhṛśam ||3-65-12||
 pauraṃmāsīmiva niśāṃ rāhugrastaniśākarām |
 patiśokākulāṃ dīnāṃ śuṣkasrotāṃ nadīmiva ||3-65-13||
 vidhvastaparaṅkamalāṃ vitrāsitavihaṃgamām |
 hastihastaparikliṣṭāṃ vyākulāmiva padminīm ||3-65-14||
 sukumārīm sujātāṅgīm ratnagarbhagṛhocitām |
 dahyamānāmivoṣṇena mṛṇālīmaciroddhṛtām ||3-65-15||
 rūpaudāryaguṇopetāṃ maṇḍanārhamamaṇḍitām |
 candralekhāmiva navāṃ vyomni nīlābhrasaṃvṛtām ||3-65-16||
 kāmabhogaiḥ priyairhīnāṃ hīnāṃ bandhujanena ca |
 dehaṃ dhārayatīm dīnāṃ bhartṛdarśanakāṅkṣayā ||3-65-17||
 bhartā nāma paraṃ nāryā bhūṣaṇaṃ bhūṣaṇairvinā |
 eṣā virahitā tena śobhanāpi na śobhate ||3-65-18||
 duṣkaraṃ kurute 'tyarthaṃ hīno yadanayā nalaḥ |
 dhārayatyātmano dehaṃ na śokenāvasīdati ||3-65-19||
 imāmasitakeśāntāṃ śatapatrāyatekṣaṇām |
 sukhārham duḥkhitāṃ dṛṣṭvā mamāpi vyathate manaḥ ||3-65-20||
 kadā nu khalu duḥkhasya pāraṃ yāsyati vai śubhā |
 bhartuḥ samāgamātsādhvī rohiṇī śaśino yathā ||3-65-21||
 asyā nūnaṃ punarlābhānnaiśadhaḥ prītimeṣyati |
 rājā rājyaparibhraṣṭaḥ punarlabdhveva medinīm ||3-65-22||
 tulyaśīlavayoyuktāṃ tulyābhijanasamnyutām |
 naiśadho 'rhati vaidarbhīm taṃ ceyamasitekṣaṇā ||3-65-23||
 yuktaṃ tasyāprameyasya vīryasattvavato mayā |
 samāśvāsaituṃ bhāryāṃ patidarśanalālasām ||3-65-24||

ayamāśvāsayāmyenām pūrṇacandranibhānanām |
 adṛṣṭapūrvām duḥkhasya duḥkhārtām dhyānatatparām ||3-65-25||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 evaṃ vimṛśya vividhaiḥ kāraṇairlakṣaṇaiśca tām |
 upagamyā tato bhaimīm sudevo brāhmaṇo 'bravīt ||3-65-26||
 ahaṃ sudevo vaidarbhi bhrātuste dayitaḥ sakhā |
 bhīmasya vacanādrājñastvāmanveṣṭumihāgataḥ ||3-65-27||
 kuśalī te pitā rājñi janitrī bhrātaraśca te |
 āyusmantau kuśalīnau tatrasthau dārakau ca te |
 tvatkr̥te bandhuvargāśca gatasattvā ivāsate ||3-65-28||
 abhijñāya sudevaṃ tu damayantī yudhiṣṭhira |
 paryapṛcchataḥ sarvānkramaṇa suhr̥daḥ svakān ||3-65-29||
 ruroda ca bhr̥śaṃ rājanvaidarbhi śokakarśitā |
 dṛṣṭvā sudevaṃ sahasā bhr̥turiṣṭaṃ dvijottamam ||3-65-30||
 tato rudantīm tām dṛṣṭvā sunandā śokakarśitām |
 sudevena sahaikānte kathayantīm ca bhārata ||3-65-31||
 janitryai preṣayāmāsa sairandhrī rudate bhr̥śam |
 brāhmaṇena samāgamya tām veda yadi manyase ||3-65-32||
 atha cedipatermātā rājñāścāntaḥpurāttadā |
 jagāma yatra sā bālā brāhmaṇena sahābhavat ||3-65-33||
 tataḥ sudevamānāyā rājamātā viśāṃ pate |
 papraccha bhāryā kasyeyaṃ sutā vā kasya bhāminī ||3-65-34||
 katham ca naṣṭā jñātibhyo bharturvā vāmalocanā |
 tvayā ca viditā vipra kathamevaṃgatā satī ||3-65-35||
 etadicchāmyahaṃ tvatto jñātum sarvamaśeṣataḥ |
 tattvena hi mamācakṣva pṛcchantyā devarūpiṇīm ||3-65-36||
 evamuktastayā rājansudevo dvijasattamaḥ |
 sukhopaviṣṭa ācaṣṭa damayantī yathātatham ||3-65-37||
 sudeva uvāca |
 vidarbharājo dharmātmā bhīmo bhīmaparākramaḥ |
 suteyaṃ tasya kalyāṇī damayantīti viśrutā ||3-66-1||
 rājā tu naiṣadho nāma vīrasenasuto nalaḥ |
 bhāryeyaṃ tasya kalyāṇī puṇyaślokasya dhīmataḥ ||3-66-2||
 sa vai dyūte jito bhr̥trā hṛtarājyo mahīpatiḥ |
 damayantī gataḥ sārḍhaṃ na prajñāyata karhicit ||3-66-3||

te vayaṃ damayantyarthe carāmaḥ pṛthivīmimām |
 seyamāsāditā bālā tava putraniveśane ||3-66-4||
 asyā rūpeṇa sadṛśī mānuṣī neha vidyate |
 asyāścaiva bhruvormadhye sahaḥ pipluruttamaḥ |
 śyāmāyāḥ padmasaṃkāśo lakṣito 'ntarhito mayā ||3-66-5||
 malena saṃvṛto hyasyāstanvabhreṇeva candramāḥ |
 cihnabhūto vibhūtyarthamayaṃ dhātrā vinirmitaḥ ||3-66-6 ||
 pratipatkaluṣevendorlekhā nāti virājate |
 na cāsya naśyate rūpaṃ vapurmalaśamācitam |
 asaṃskṛtamapi vyaktaṃ bhāti kāñcanaśaṃnibham ||3-66-7||
 anena vapuṣā bālā piplunānena caiva ha |
 lakṣiteyaṃ mayā devī pihito 'gnirivoṣmaṇā ||3-66-8||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 tacchrutvā vacanaṃ tasya sudevasya viśāṃ pate |
 sunandā śodhayāmāsa piplupracchādanaṃ malam ||3-66-9||
 sa malenāpakraṣṭena piplustasyā vyarocata |
 damayantīyastadā vyabhre nabhasīva niśākaraḥ ||3-66-10||
 piplum dṛṣṭvā sunandā ca rājamātā ca bhārata |
 rudantīyau tām pariṣvajya muhūrtamiva tasthatuḥ |
 utsṛjya bāṣpaṃ śanakai rājamātedamabravīt ||3-66-11||
 bhaginyā duhitā me 'si piplunānena sūcitā |
 ahaṃ ca tava mātā ca rājanyasya mahātmanaḥ |
 sute daśārṇādhipeṭṭe sudāmnaścārudarśane ||3-66-12||
 bhīmasya rājñāḥ sā dattā vīrabāhorahaṃ punaḥ |
 tvam tu jātā mayā dṛṣṭā daśārṇeṣu piturgṛhe ||3-66-13||
 yathaiva te piturgehaṃ tathedaṃpi bhāminī |
 yathaiva hi mamaiśvaryaṃ damayanti tathā tava ||3-66-14||
 tām prahr̥ṣṭena manasā damayantī viśāṃ pate |
 abhivādya māturbhaginīmidaṃ vacanamabravīt ||3-66-15||
 ajñāyamānāpi satī sukhamasmyuṣiteha vai |
 sarvakāmaiḥ suvihitā rakṣyamāṇā sadā tvayā ||3-66-16||
 sukhātsukhataro vāso bhaviṣyati na saṃśayaḥ |
 ciraviproṣitāṃ mātarmāmanujñātumarhasi ||3-66-17||
 dārakau ca hi me nītau vasatastatra bālakau |
 pitrā vihīnau śokārtau mayā caiva katham nu tau ||3-66-18||

yadi cāpi priyaṃ kiṃ cinmayi kartumihecchasi |
 vidarbhānyātumicchāmi śīghraṃ me yānamādiśa ||3-66-19||
 bādhamityeva tāmuktavā hṛṣṭā mātṛṣvasā nṛpa |
 guptāṃ balena mahatā putrasyānumate tataḥ ||3-66-20||
 prasthāpayadrājamātā śrīmatā naravāhinā |
 yānena bhārataśreṣṭha svannapānaparicchadām ||3-66-21||
 tataḥ sā nacirādeva vidarbhānagamacchubhā |
 tāṃ tu bandhujanaḥ sarvaḥ prahr̥ṣṭaḥ pratyapūjayat ||3-66-22||
 sarvāṅkuśalino dṛṣṭvā bāndhavāndārakau ca tau |
 mātaraṃ pitaraṃ caiva sarvaṃ caiva sakhījanam ||3-66-23||
 devatāḥ pūjayāmāsa brāhmaṇāṃśca yaśasvinī |
 vidhinā pareṇa kalyāṇī damayantī viśāṃ pate ||3-66-24||
 atarpayatsudevaṃ ca gosahasreṇa pāṛthivaḥ |
 pṛito dṛṣṭvaiva tanayāṃ grāmeṇa draviṇena ca ||3-66-25||
 sā vyuṣṭā rajanīm tatra piturveśmani bhāminī |
 viśrāntā mātaraṃ rājannidaṃ vacanamabravīt ||3-66-26||
 damayantyuvāca |
 mām cedicchasi jīvantīm mātaḥ satyaṃ bravīmi te |
 naravīrasya vai tasya nalasyānayane yata ||3-67-1||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 damayantyā tathoktā tu sā devī bhṛśaduḥkhitā |
 bāṣpeṇa pihitā rājannottaraṃ kiṃcidabravīt ||3-67-2||
 tadavasthām tu tāṃ dṛṣṭvā sarvamantaḥpuram tadā |
 hāhābhūtamativāsīdbhṛśam ca praruroda ha ||3-67-3||
 tato bhīmaṃ mahārāja bhāryā vacanamabravīt |
 damayantī tava sutā bhartāramanusocati ||3-67-4||
 apakṛṣya ca lajjām mām svayamuktavati nṛpa |
 prayatantu tava preṣyāḥ puṇyaślokasya darśane ||3-67-5||
 tayā pracodito rājā brāhmaṇānvaśavartinaḥ |
 prasthāpayaddiśaḥ sarvā yatadhvaṃ naladarśane ||3-67-6||
 tato vidarbhādhipaterniyogādbrahmaṇarṣabhāḥ |
 damayantīmatho dṛṣṭvā prasthitāḥ smetyathābruvan ||3-67-7||
 atha tānabravīdbhaimī sarvarāṣṭreṣvidam vacaḥ |
 bruvadhmaṃ janasaṃsatsu tatra tatra punaḥ punaḥ ||3-67-8||
 kva nu tvam kitava chittvā vastrārdham prasthito mama |

utsṛjya vipine suptāmanuraktāṃ priyāṃ priya ||3-67-9||
 sā vai yathā samādiṣṭā tatrāste tvatpratīkṣiṇī |
 dahyamānā bhṛśam bālā vastrārdhenābhisamvṛtā ||3-67-10||
 tasyā rudantyāḥ satataṃ tena śokena pāṛthiva |
 prasādam kuru vai vīra prativākyaṃ dadasva ca ||3-67-11||
 etadanyacca vaktavyaṃ kṛpām kuryādyathā mayi |
 vāyunā dhūyamāno hi vanaṃ dahati pāvakaḥ ||3-67-12||
 bhartavyā rakṣaṇīyā ca patnī hi patinā sadā |
 tannaṣṭamubhayaṃ kasmāddharmajñasya satastava ||3-67-13||
 khyātaḥ prājñāḥ kulīnaśca sānukrośaśca tvam sadā |
 saṃvṛtto niranukrośaḥ śāṅke madbhāgyasaṃkṣayāt ||3-67-14||
 sa kuruṣva maheṣvāsa dayāṃ mayi nararṣabha |
 ānṛśamsyaṃ paro dharmastvatta eva hi me śrutam ||3-67-15||
 evaṃ bruvāṇānyadi vaḥ pratibrūyāddhi kaścana |
 sa naraḥ sarvathā jñeyaḥ kaścāsau kva ca vartate ||3-67-16||
 yacca vo vacanaṃ śrutvā brūyātprativaco naraḥ |
 tadādāya vacaḥ kṣipraṃ mamāvedyaṃ dvijottamāḥ ||3-67-17||
 yathā ca vo na jānīyāccarato bhīmaśāsanāt |
 punarāgamaṃ caiva tathā kāryamatandritaiḥ ||3-67-18||
 yadi vāsau samṛddhaḥ syādyadi vāpyadhano bhavet |
 yadi vāpyarthakāmaḥ syājñeyamasya cikīrṣitam ||3-67-19||
 evamuktāstvagacchamste brāhmaṇāḥ sarvatodiśam |
 nalam mṛgayitum rājamstathā vyananamaṃ tadā ||3-67-20||
 te purāṇi sarāṣṭrāṇi grāmāṅghoṣāṃstathāśramān |
 anveṣanto nalam rājannādhijagmurdvijātayaḥ ||3-67-21||
 tacca vākyaṃ tathā sarve tatra tatra viśāṃ pate |
 śrāvayāṃ cakrire viprā damayantyā yatheritam ||3-67-22||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 atha dirghasya kālasya parṇādo nāma vai dvijaḥ |
 pratyetya nagaraṃ bhaimīdamaṃ vacanamabravīt ||3-68-1||
 naiśadham mṛgayānena damayanti divāniśam |
 ayodhyāṃ nagarīm gatvā bhāṅgasvarirupasthitaḥ ||3-68-2||
 śrāvitaśca mayā vākyaṃ tvadiyaṃ sa mahājane |
 ṛtuparṇo mahābhāgo yathoktaṃ varavarṇini ||3-68-3||
 tacchrutvā nābravītkiṃcidṛtuparṇo narādhipaḥ |

na ca pāriṣadaḥ kaścīdbhāṣyamāṇo mayāsakṛt ||3-68-4||
 anujñātaṃ tu mām rājñā vijane kaścīdabravīt |
 ṛtuparṇasya puruṣo bāhuko nāma nāmataḥ ||3-68-5||
 sūtastasya narendrasya virūpo hrasvabāhukaḥ |
 śighrayāne sukuśalo mṛṣṭakartā ca bhojane ||3-68-6||
 sa viniḥśvasya bahuśo ruditvā ca muhurmuḥuḥ |
 kuśalaṃ caiva mām pṛṣṭvā paścādidamabhāṣata ||3-68-7||
 vaiṣamyamapi samprāptā gopāyanti kulastrīyaḥ |
 ātmānamātmanā satyo jitasvargā na saṃśayaḥ |
 rahitā bhartṛbhiḥcaiva na krudhyanti kadācana ||3-68-8||
 viṣamasthena mūḍhena paribhraṣṭasukhena ca |
 yatsā tena parityaktā tatra na kroddhumarhati ||3-68-9||
 prāṇayātrām pariprepsōḥ śakunairhṛtavāsasaḥ |
 ādhibhirdahyamānasya śyāmā na kroddhumarhati ||3-68-10||
 satkṛtāsatkṛtā vāpi patiṃ dṛṣṭvā tathāgatam |
 bhraṣṭarājyaṃ śriyā hīnaṃ śyāmā na kroddhumarhati ||3-68-11||
 tasya tadvacanaṃ śrutvā tvarito 'hamihāgataḥ |
 śrutvā pramāṇaṃ bhavati rājñāścaiva nivedaya ||3-68-12||
 etacchrutvāśrupūrṇākṣī parṇādasya viśāṃ pate |
 damayantī raho 'bhyetya mātaraṃ pratyabhāṣata ||3-68-13||
 ayamartho na saṃvedyo bhīme mātāḥ kathamaṃcana |
 tvatsaṃnidhau samādeksye sudevaṃ dvijasattamam ||3-68-14||
 yathā na nṛpatirbhīmaḥ pratipadyeta me matam |
 tathā tvayā prayattavyaṃ mama cetprijamicchasi ||3-68-15||
 yathā cāhaṃ samānitā sudevenāsu bāndhavān |
 tenaiva maṅgalenāsu sudevo yātu māciram |
 samānetuṃ nalaṃ mātaraḥpathyaṃ nagarīmitaḥ ||3-68-16||
 viśrāntaṃ ca tataḥ paścātparṇādaṃ dvijasattamam |
 arcayāmāsa vaidarbhī dhanenātīva bhāminī ||3-68-17||
 nale cehāgate vipra bhūyo dāsyāmi te vasu |
 tvayā hi me bahu kṛtaṃ yathā nānyaḥ kariṣyati |
 yadbhartrāhaṃ sameṣyāmi śighrameva dvijottama ||3-68-18||
 evamukto 'rcayitvā tāmāsīrvādaiḥ sumaṅgalaiḥ |
 gṛhānupayayau cāpi kṛtārthaḥ sa mahāmanāḥ ||3-68-19||
 tataścānāyā taṃ vipraṃ damayanti yudhiṣṭhira |

abravītsaṃnidhau māturduḥkhaśokasamanvitā ||3-68-20||
 gatvā sudeva nagarīmayodhyāvāsinam nṛpam |
 ṛtuparṇaṃ vaco brūhi patimanyaṃ cikīrṣatī |
 āsthāsyati punarbhaimī damayantī svayaṃvaram ||3-68-21||
 tatra gacchanti rājāno rājaputrāśca sarvaśaḥ |
 yathā ca gaṇitaḥ kālaḥ śvobhūte sa bhaviṣyati ||3-68-22||
 yadi saṃbhāvanīyaṃ te gaccha śighramarīmdama |
 sūryodaye dvitīyaṃ sā bhartāraṃ varayiṣyati |
 na hi sa jñāyate vīro nalo jīvanmṛto 'pi vā ||3-68-23||
 evaṃ tayā yathoktaṃ vai gatvā rājānamabravīt |
 ṛtuparṇaṃ mahārāja sudevo brāhmaṇastadā ||3-68-24||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 śrutvā vacaḥ sudevasya ṛtuparṇo narādhipaḥ |
 sāntvayañślakṣṇayā vācā bāhukaṃ pratyabhāṣata ||3-69-1||
 vidarbhānyātumicchāmi damadantyāḥ svayaṃvaram |
 ekāhnā hayatattvajña manyase yadi bāhuka ||3-69-2||
 evamuktasya kaunteya tena rājñā nalasya ha |
 vyadīryata mano duḥkhātpradadhyau ca mahāmanāḥ ||3-69-3||
 damayantī bhavedetatkuryādduḥkhena mohitā |
 asmadarthe bhavedvāyamupāyaścintito mahān ||3-69-4||
 nṛsaṃsaṃ bata vaidarbhī kartukāmā tapasvinī |
 mayā kṣudreṇa nikṛtā pāpenākṛtabuddhinā ||3-69-5||
 strīsvabhāvaścalo loka mama doṣāśca dāruṇaḥ |
 syādevamapi kuryātsā vivaśā gatasauhrdā |
 mama śokena saṃvignā nairāśyāttanumadhyamā ||3-69-6||
 na caivaṃ karhicitkuryātsāpatyā ca viśeṣataḥ |
 yadatra tathyaṃ pathyaṃ ca gatvā vetsyāmi niścayam |
 ṛtuparṇasya vai kāmamātmārthaṃ ca karomyaham ||3-69-7||
 iti niścitya manasā bāhuko dinamānasaḥ |
 kṛtāñjaliruvācedamṛtuparṇaṃ narādhipam ||3-69-8||
 pratijānāmi te satyaṃ gamiṣyasi narādhipa |
 ekāhnā puruṣavyāghra vidarbhanagarīm nṛpa ||3-69-9||
 tataḥ parīkṣāmaśvānāṃ cakre rājansa bāhukaḥ |
 aśvaśālāmupāgamya bhāṅgasvarinṛpājñayā ||3-69-10||
 sa tvaryamāṇo bahuśa ṛtuparṇena bāhukaḥ |

adhyagacchatkṛśānaśvānsamarthānadhvani kṣamān ||3-69-11||
 tejobalasamāyuktānkulaśīlasamanvitān |
 varjitāṃllakṣaṇairhinaiḥ pṛthuprothān mahāhanūn |
 śuddhāndaśabhirāvartaiḥ sindhujānvātaramhasaḥ ||3-69-12||
 dṛṣṭvā tānabravidrājā kimcitkopasamanvitaḥ |
 kimidaṃ prārthitaṃ kartuṃ pralabdavyā hi te vayam ||3-69-13||
 kathamalpabalaprāṇā vakṣyantime hayā mama |
 mahānadhvā ca turagairgantavyaḥ kathamīdṛśaiḥ ||3-69-14||
 bāhuka uvāca |
 ete hayā gamiṣyanti vidarbhānnātra saṃśayaḥ |
 athānyānmanyase rājanbrūhi kānyojayāmi te ||3-69-15||
 ṛtuparṇa uvāca |
 tvameva hayatattvajñaḥ kuśalaścāsi bāhuka |
 yānmanyase samarthāmstvaṃ kṣipraṃ tāneva yojaya ||3-69-16||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 tataḥ sadaśvāmścaturaḥ kuśāśīlasamanvitān |
 yojayāmāsa kuśalo javayuktānrathe naraḥ ||3-69-17||
 tato yuktam ratham rājā samārohattvarānritaḥ |
 atha paryapatanbhūmau jānubhiste hayottamāḥ ||3-69-18||
 tato naravaraḥ śrīmānnalo rājā viśam pate |
 sāntvayāmāsa tānaśvāmstejobalasamanvitān ||3-69-19||
 raśmibhiśca samudyamya nalo yātumiyeṣa saḥ |
 sūtamāropya vārṣṇeyaṃ javamāsthāya vai param ||3-69-20||
 te codyamānā vidhinā bāhukena hayottamāḥ |
 samutpeturivākāśam rathinaṃ mohayanniva ||3-69-21||
 tathā tu dṛṣṭvā tānaśvānvahato vātaramhasaḥ |
 ayodhyādhipatirdhīmānvismayaṃ paramaṃ yayau ||3-69-22||
 rathaghoṣam tu taṃ śrutvā hayasaṃgrahaṇam ca tat |
 vārṣṇeyaścintayāmāsa bāhukasya hayajñatām ||3-69-23||
 kim nu syānmātalirayaṃ devarājasya sārathiḥ |
 tathā hi lakṣaṇam vire bāhuke dṛśyate mahat ||3-69-24||
 śālihotro 'tha kim nu syāddhayānām kulatattvavit |
 mānuṣam samanuprāpto vapuḥ paramaśobhanam ||3-69-25||
 utāho svidbhavedrājā nalaḥ parapuraṃjayaḥ |
 so 'yaṃ nṛpatirāyāta ityevaṃ samacintayat ||3-69-26||

atha vā yāṃ nalo veda vidyāṃ tāmeva bāhukaḥ |
 tulyaṃ hi lakṣaye jñānaṃ bāhukasya nalasya ca ||3-69-27||
 api cedaṃ vayastulyamasya manye nalasya ca |
 nāyaṃ nalo mahāvīryastadvidyastu bhaviṣyati ||3-69-28||
 pracchannā hi mahātmānaścaranti pṛthivīmimām |
 daivena vidhinā yuktāḥ śāstroktaiśca virūpaṇaiḥ ||3-69-29||
 bhavettu matibhedo me gātravairūpyatām prati |
 pramāṇātparihīnastu bhavediti hi me matiḥ ||3-69-30||
 vayaḥpramāṇam tattulyaṃ rūpeṇa tu viparyayaḥ |
 nalam sarvaguṇairyuktaṃ manye bāhukamantataḥ ||3-69-31||
 evaṃ vicārya bahuśo vārṣṇeyaḥ paryacintayat |
 hṛdayena mahārāja puṇyaślokasya sārathiḥ ||3-69-32||
 ṛtuparṇastu rājendra bāhukasya hayajñatām |
 cintayanmumude rājā sahavārṣṇeyasārathiḥ ||3-69-33||
 balam vīryam tathotsāham hayasaṃgrahaṇam ca tat |
 param yatnam ca saṃprekṣya parām mudamavāpa ha ||3-69-34||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 sa nadīḥ parvatāmścaiva vanāni ca sarāṃsi ca |
 acireṇāticakrāma khecaraḥ khe caranniva ||3-70-1||
 tathā prayāte tu rathe tadā bhāṅgasvarirnṛpaḥ |
 uttariyamathāpaśyadbhraṣṭam parapuraṃjayaḥ ||3-70-2||
 tataḥ sa tvaramāṇastu paṭe nipatite tadā |
 grahiṣyāmiti taṃ rājā nalamāha mahāmanāḥ ||3-70-3||
 nigṛhṇiṣva mahābuddhe hayānetān mahājavān |
 vārṣṇeyo yāvadetaṃ me paṭamānayatāmiti ||3-70-4||
 nalastaṃ pratyuvācātha dūre bhraṣṭaḥ paṭastava |
 yojanam samatikrānto na sa śakyastvayā punaḥ ||3-70-5||
 evamukte nalenātha tadā bhāṅgasvarirnṛpaḥ |
 āsasāda vane rājanphalavantam bibhītakam ||3-70-6||
 taṃ dṛṣṭvā bāhukam rājā tvaramāṇo 'bhyabhāṣata |
 mamāpi sūta paśya tvaṃ samkhyāne paramaṃ balam ||3-70-7||
 sarvaḥ sarvaṃ na jānāti sarvajño nāsti kaścana |
 naikatra pariniṣṭhāsti jñānasya puruṣe kvacit ||3-70-8||
 vṛkṣe 'sminyāni parṇāni phalānyapi ca bāhuka |
 patitāni ca yānyatra tatraikamadhikam śatam |

ekapatrādhikam patram phalamekam ca bāhuka ||3-70-9||
 pañca koṭyo 'tha patrāṇaṃ dvayorapi ca śākhayoḥ |
 pracinuhyasya śākhe dve yāścāpyanyāḥ prasākhikāḥ |
 ābhyāṃ phalasaahasre dve pañconam śatameva ca ||3-70-10||
 tato rathādavaplutya rājānam bāhuko 'bravīt |
 parokṣamiva me rājankatthase śatrukarśana ||3-70-11||
 atha te gaṇite rājanvidyate na parokṣatā |
 pratyakṣam te mahārāja gaṇayiṣye bibhītakam ||3-70-12||
 aham hi nābhijānāmi bhavedevaṃ na veti ca |
 saṃkhyāsyāmi phalānyasya paśyataste janādhipa |
 muhūrtamiva vārṣṇeyo raśmīnyacchatu vājinām ||3-70-13||
 tamabravīnṛpaḥ sūtam nāyam kālo vilambitum |
 bāhukastvabravīdenam param yatnam samāsthitaḥ ||3-70-14||
 pratikṣasva muhūrtaṃ tvamatha vā tvarate bhavān |
 eṣa yāti śivaḥ panthā yāhi vārṣṇeyasārathiḥ ||3-70-15||
 abravīdṛtuparṇastam sāntvayankurunandana |
 tvameva yantā nānyo 'sti pṛthivyāmapi bāhuka ||3-70-16||
 tvatkr̥te yātumicchāmi vidarbhānhayakovida |
 śaraṇam tvāṃ praṇanno 'smi na vighnam kartumarhasi ||3-70-17||
 kāmam ca te kariṣyāmi yanmām vakṣyasi bāhuka |
 vidarbhānyadi yātvādya sūryam darśayitāsi me ||3-70-18||
 athābravīdbāhukastam saṃkhyāyemaṃ bibhītakam |
 tato vidarbhānyāsyāmi kuruṣvedam vaco mama ||3-70-19||
 akāma iva tam rājā gaṇayasvetyuvāca ha |
 so 'vatīrya rathāttūrnam śātayāmāsa tam drumam ||3-70-20||
 tataḥ sa vismayāviṣṭo rājānamidamabravīt |
 gaṇayitvā yathoktāni tāvantyeva phalāni ca ||3-70-21||
 atyadbhutamidaṃ rājandṛṣṭavānasmi te balam |
 śrotumicchāmi tam vidyāṃ yathaitajñāyate nṛpa ||3-70-22||
 tamuvāca tato rājā tvarito gamane tadā |
 vidhyakṣahṛdayajñam māṃ saṃkhyāne ca viśāradam ||3-70-23||
 bāhukastamuvācātha dehi vidyāmimām mama |
 matto 'pi cāsvahṛdayam gṛhāṇa puruṣarṣabha ||3-70-24||
 ṛtuparṇastato rājā bāhukam kāryagauravāt |
 hayajñānasya lobhācca tathetyevābravīdvacaḥ ||3-70-25||

yatheṣṭam tvam gṛhānedamakṣāṇām hṛdayam param |
 nikṣepo me 'svahṛdayam tvayi tiṣṭhatu bāhuka |
 evamuktavā dadau vidyāmṛtuparṇo nalāya vai ||3-70-26||
 tasyākṣahṛdayajñasya śarīrānñiḥṣṛtaḥ kaliḥ |
 karkoṭakaviṣam tikṣnam mukhātsatatamudvaman ||3-70-27||
 kalestasya tadārtasya śāpāgniḥ sa viniḥṣṛtaḥ |
 sa tena karśito rājā dirghakālamānātmanā ||3-70-28||
 tato viṣavimuktātmā svarūpamakarotkaliḥ |
 tam śaptumaicchatkupito niṣadhādhipatirnalāḥ ||3-70-29||
 tamuvāca kalirbhīto vepamānaḥ kṛtāñjaliḥ |
 kopam saṃyaccha nṛpate kīrtim dāsyāmi te parām ||3-70-30||
 indrasenasya janani kupitā māsapatpurā |
 yadā tvayā parityaktā tato 'ham bhṛśapīḍitaḥ ||3-70-31||
 avasaṃ tvayi rājendra suduḥkhamaparājita |
 viṣeṇa nāgarājasya dahyamāno divānīśam ||3-70-32||
 ye ca tvāṃ manujā loke kīrtayiṣyantyandritāḥ |
 matprasūtam bhayam teṣāṃ na kadācidbhaviṣyati ||3-70-33||
 evamukto nalo rājā nyayacchatkopamātmanaḥ |
 tato bhītaḥ kaliḥ kṣipram praviveśa bibhītakam |
 kalistvanyena nādr̥ṣyatathayannaiśadhena vai ||3-70-34||
 tato gatajvaro rājā naiśadhaḥ paravirahā |
 saṃpranaṣṭe kalau rājansaṃkhyāyātha phalānyuta ||3-70-35||
 mudā paramayā yuktastejasā ca pareṇa ha |
 rathamāruhya tejasvī prayayau javanairhayaiḥ |
 bibhītakaścāpraśastaḥ saṃvṛttaḥ kalisaṃśrayāt ||3-70-36||
 hayottamānutpatato dvijāniva punaḥ punaḥ |
 nalāḥ saṃcodayāmāsa prahr̥ṣṭenāntarātmanā ||3-70-37||
 vidarbhābhimukho rājā prayayau sa mahāmanāḥ |
 nale tu samatikrānte kalirapyagamadgṛhān ||3-70-38||
 tato gatajvaro rājā nalo 'bhūtpr̥thivīpate |
 vimuktaḥ kalinā rājanrūpamātraviyojitaḥ ||3-70-39||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 tato vidarbhānsaṃprāptaṃ sāyāhne satyavikramam |
 ṛtuparṇam janā rājñe bhīmāya pratyavedayan ||3-71-1||
 sa bhīmavacanādrājā kuṇḍinam prāviśatpuram |

nādayanrathaghoṣeṇa sarvāḥ sopadiśo daśa ||3-71-2||
 tatastaṃ rathanirghoṣaṃ nalāśvāstatra śuśruvuh |
 śrutvā ca samahṛṣyanta pureva nalasaṃnidhau ||3-71-3||
 damayantī ca śuśrāva rathaghoṣaṃ nalasya tam |
 yathā meghasya nadato gambhīraṃ jaladāgame ||3-71-4||
 nalena saṃgrhīteṣu pureva nalavājiṣu |
 sadṛśaṃ rathanirghoṣaṃ mene bhaimī tathā hayāḥ ||3-71-5||
 prāsādasthāśca śikhinaḥ śālāsthāścaiva vāraṇāḥ |
 hayāśca śuśruvustatra rathaghoṣaṃ mahīpateḥ ||3-71-6||
 te śrutvā rathanirghoṣaṃ vāraṇāḥ śikhinastathā |
 praṇedurunmukhā rājanmeghodayamivekṣya ha ||3-71-7||
 damayantyuvāca |
 yathāsau rathanirghoṣaḥ pūrayanniva medinīm |
 mama hlādayate ceto nala eṣa mahīpatiḥ ||3-71-8||
 adya candrābhavakṛtaṃ taṃ na paśyāmi nalaṃ yadi |
 asaṃkhyeyaguṇaṃ vīraṃ vinaśiṣyāmyasaṃśayam ||3-71-9||
 yadi vai tasya vīrasya bāhvornādyāhamantaram |
 praviśāmi sukhasparśaṃ vinaśiṣyāmyasaṃśayam ||3-71-10||
 yadi mām meghanirghoṣo nopagacchati naiśadhaḥ |
 adya cāmikaraprakhyo vinaśiṣyāmyasaṃśayam ||3-71-11||
 yadi mām siṃhavikrānto mattavāraṇavāraṇaḥ |
 nābhigacchati rājendro vinaśiṣyāmyasaṃśayam ||3-71-12||
 na smarāmyanṛtaṃ kiṃ cinna smarāmyanupākṛtaṃ |
 na ca paryuṣitaṃ vākyam svaireṣvapi mahātmanaḥ ||3-71-13||
 prabhuḥ kṣamāvānvīraśca mṛdurdānto jitendriyaḥ |
 raho 'nīcānuvartī ca klībavanmama naiśadhaḥ ||3-71-14||
 guṇāmstasya smarantyā me tatparāyā divānīśam |
 hṛdayaṃ dīryata idaṃ śokātpriyavinākṛtaṃ ||3-71-15||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 evaṃ vilapamānā sā naṣṭasaṃjñeva bhārata |
 āruroha mahadveśma puṇyaślokadidṛkṣayā ||3-71-16||
 tato madhyamakakṣāyāṃ dadarśa rathamāsthitaṃ |
 ṛtuparṇaṃ mahīpālaṃ sahavārṣṇeyabāhukam ||3-71-17||
 tato 'vatīrya vārṣṇeyo bāhukaśca rathottamāt |
 hayāmstānavamucyātha sthāpayāmāsatū ratham ||3-71-18||

so 'vatīrya rathopasthādṛtuparṇo narādhipaḥ |
 upataste mahārāja bhīmam bhīmaparākramam ||3-71-19||
 taṃ bhīmaḥ pratijagrāha pūjayā parayā tataḥ |
 akasmātsahasā prāptaṃ strīmantraṃ na sma vindati ||3-71-20||
 kiṃ kāryam svāgataṃ te 'stu rājñā pṛṣṭaśca bhārata |
 nābhijajñe sa nṛpatirduhitrarthe samāgatam ||3-71-21||
 ṛtuparṇo 'pi rājā sa dhīmānsatyaparākramaḥ |
 rājānaṃ rājaputraṃ vā na sma paśyati kaṃcana |
 naiva svayaṃvarakathāṃ na ca viprasamāgamam ||3-71-22||
 tato vigaṇayanrājā manasā kosalādhipaḥ |
 āgato 'smītyuvācainaṃ bhavantamabhivādakaḥ ||3-71-23||
 rājāpi ca smayanbhīmo manasābhivicintayat |
 adhikaṃ yojanaśataṃ tasyāgamanakāraṇam ||3-71-24||
 grāmānbahūnatikramya nādhyagacchadyathātatham |
 alpakāryam vinirdiṣṭaṃ tasyāgamanakāraṇam ||3-71-25||
 naitadevaṃ sa nṛpatistaṃ satkṛtya vyasarjayat |
 viśrāmyatāmiti vadanklānto 'sīti punaḥ punaḥ ||3-71-26||
 sa satkṛtaḥ prahrṣṭātmā prītaḥ prītena pārthivaḥ |
 rājapreṣyairanugato diṣṭaṃ veśma samāviśat ||3-71-27||
 ṛtuparṇe gate rājanvārṣṇeyasahite nṛpe |
 bāhuko rathamāsthāya rathāśālāmupāgamat ||3-71-28||
 sa mocayitvā tānaśvānparicārya ca śāstrataḥ |
 svayaṃ caitānsamāśvāsya rathopastha upāviśat ||3-71-29||
 damayantī tu śokārtā dṛṣtvā bhāṅgasvariṃ nṛpam |
 sūtaputraṃ ca vārṣṇeyaṃ bāhukaṃ ca tathāvidham ||3-71-30||
 cintayāmāsa vaidarbhī kasyaiṣa rathanisvanaḥ |
 nalasyeva mahānāsīna ca paśyāmi naiśadham ||3-71-31||
 vārṣṇeyena bhavennūnaṃ vidyā saivopaśikṣitā |
 tenāsya rathanirghoṣo nalasyeva mahānabhūt ||3-71-32||
 āho svidṛtuparṇo 'pi yathā rājā nalastathā |
 tato 'yaṃ rathanirghoṣo naiśadhasyeva lakṣyate ||3-71-33||
 evaṃ vitarkayitvā tu damayantī viśāṃ pate |
 dūtīm prasthāpayāmāsa naiśadhānveṣaṇe nṛpa ||3-71-34||
 damayantyuvāca |
 gaccha keśini jānihi ka eṣa rathavāhakaḥ |

upaviṣṭo rathopasthe vikṛto hrasvabāhukaḥ ||3-72-1||
 abhyetya kuśalaṃ bhadre mṛdupūrvam samāhitā |
 pṛcchethāḥ puruṣam hyenam yathātattvamanindite ||3-72-2||
 atra me mahatī śānkā bhavedeṣa nalo nṛpaḥ |
 tathā ca me manastuṣṭirhṛdayasya ca nirvṛtiḥ ||3-72-3||
 brūyāścainam kathānte tvam parṇādavacanam yathā |
 prativākyaṃ ca suśroṇi budhyethāstvamanindite ||3-72-4||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 evam samāhitā gatvā dūti bāhukamabravīt |
 damayantyapi kalyāṇi prāsādasthānvavaikṣata ||3-72-5||
 keśinyuvāca |
 svāgataṃ te manuṣyendra kuśalaṃ te bravīmyaham |
 damayantyā vacaḥ sādhu nibodha puruṣarṣabha ||3-72-6||
 kadā vai prasthitā yūyam kimarthamiha cāgatāḥ |
 tattvam brūhi yathānyāyam vaidarbhī śrotumicchati ||3-72-7||
 bāhuka uvāca |
 śrutaḥ svayamvaro rājñā kausalyena yaśasvinā |
 dvitiyo damayantyā vai śvobhūta iti bhāmini ||3-72-8||
 śrutvā taṃ prasthito rājā śatayojanayāyibhiḥ |
 hayairvātajavairmukhyairahamasya ca sārathiḥ ||3-72-9||
 keśinyuvāca |
 atha yo 'sau tṛtiyo vaḥ sa kutaḥ kasya vā punaḥ |
 tvam ca kasya katham cedam tvayi karma samāhitam ||3-72-10||
 bāhuka uvāca |
 puṇyaślokasya vai sūto vārṣṇeya iti viśrutaḥ |
 sa nale vidrute bhadre bhāṅgasvarimupasthitaḥ ||3-72-11||
 ahamapyaśvakuśalaḥ sūdatve ca suniṣṭhitaḥ |
 ṛtuparṇena sārathye bhojane ca vṛtaḥ svayam ||3-72-12||
 keśinyuvāca |
 atha jānāti vārṣṇeyaḥ kva nu rājā nalo gataḥ |
 kathamcittvayi vaitena kathitaṃ syāttu bāhuka ||3-72-13||
 bāhuka uvāca |
 ihaiva putrau nikṣipya nalasyāśubhakarmanāḥ |
 gatastato yathākāmaṃ naiṣa jānāti naiṣadham ||3-72-14||
 na cānyaḥ puruṣaḥ kaścinnalaṃ vetti yaśasvini |

gūḍhaścarati loke 'sminnaṣṭarūpo mahīpatiḥ ||3-72-15||
 ātmaiva hi nalaṃ vetti yā cāsya tadanantarā |
 na hi vai tāni liṅgāni nalaṃ śamsanti karhicit ||3-72-16||
 keśinyuvāca |
 yo 'sāvayodhyāṃ prathamam gatavānbrahmanastadā |
 imāni nārīvākyaṇi kathayānaḥ punaḥ punaḥ ||3-72-17||
 kva nu tvam kitava chittvā vastrārdham prasthito mama |
 utsṛjya vipine suptāmanuraktam priyam priya ||3-72-18||
 sā vai yathā samādiṣṭā tatrāste tvatpratīkṣiṇi |
 dahyamānā divārātram vastrārdhenābhisaṃvṛtā ||3-72-19||
 tasyā rudantyāḥ satataṃ tena duḥkhena pārthiva |
 prasādam kuru vai vīra prativākyaṃ prayaccha ca ||3-72-20||
 tasyāstatpriyamākhyānam prabravihi mahāmate |
 tadeva vākyaṃ vaidarbhī śrotumicchatiyaninditā ||3-72-21||
 etacchrutvā prativacastasya dattam tvayā kila |
 yatpurā tatpunastvatto vaidarbhī śrotumicchati ||3-72-22||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 evamuktasya keśinyā nalasya kurunandana |
 hṛdayam vyathitam cāsīdaśrupūrṇe ca locane ||3-72-23||
 sa nigṛhyātmano duḥkham dahyamāno mahīpatiḥ |
 bāṣpasamdigdhayā vācā punarevedamabravīt ||3-72-24||
 vaiṣamyamapi samprāptā gopāyanti kulastrīyaḥ |
 ātmānamātmanā satyo jitasvargā na saṃśayaḥ ||3-72-25||
 rahitā bhartṛbhiḥcaiva na krudhyanti kadācana |
 prāṇamścāritrakavacā dhārayantiha satstrīyaḥ ||3-72-26||
 prāṇayātrām paripreptoḥ śakunairhṛtavāsasaḥ |
 ādhibirdahyamānasya śyāmā na kroddhumarhati ||3-72-27||
 satkṛtāsatkṛtā vāpi patiṃ dṛṣṭvā tathāgatam |
 bhraṣṭarājyaṃ śriyā hīnam kṣudhitam vyasanāplutam ||3-72-28||
 evam bruvāṇastadvākyaṃ nalaḥ paramaduḥkhitaḥ |
 na bāṣpamaśakatsoḍhum praruroda ca bhārata ||3-72-29||
 tataḥ sā keśiniḥ gatvā damayantyai nyavedayat |
 tatsarvam kathitam caiva vikāram caiva tasya tam ||3-72-30||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 damayantī tu tacchrutvā bhṛśam śokaparāyaṇā |

śaṅkamānā nalaṃ taṃ vai keśinīmidamabravit ||3-73-1||
 gaccha keśini bhūyastvaṃ parīkṣāṃ kuru bāhuke |
 ābruvānā samīpasthā caritānyasya lakṣaya ||3-73-2||
 yadā ca kiṃcitkuryātsa kāraṇaṃ tatra bhāmini |
 tatra saṃceṣṭamānasya saṃlakṣyaṃ te viceṣṭitam ||3-73-3||
 na cāsya pratibandhena deyo 'gnirapi bhāmini |
 yācate na jalaṃ deyaṃ samyagatvaramāṇayā ||3-73-4||
 etatsarvaṃ samīkṣya tvam caritaṃ me nivedaya |
 yaccānyadapi paśyethāstaccākhyeyaṃ tvayā mama ||3-73-5||
 damayantyaivamuktā sā jagāmāthāśu keśinī |
 niśāmya ca hayajñasya liṅgāni punarāgamat ||3-73-6||
 sā tatsarvaṃ yathāvr̥ttaṃ damayantyai nyavedayat |
 nimittaṃ yattadā dr̥ṣṭaṃ bāhuke divyamānuṣam ||3-73-7||
 keśinyuvāca |
 dr̥ḍhaṃ śucyupacāro 'sau na mayā mānuṣaḥ kvacit |
 dr̥ṣṭapūrvāḥ śruto vāpi damayanti tathāvidhaḥ ||3-73-8||
 hrasvamāsādyā saṃcāraṃ nāsau vinamate kvacit |
 taṃ tu dr̥ṣṭvā yathāsaṅgamutsarpati yathāsukham |
 saṃkaṭe 'pyasya sumahadvivaraṃ jāyate 'dhikam ||3-73-9||
 ṛtuparṇasya cārthāya bhojanīyamanekaśaḥ |
 preṣitaṃ tatra rājñā ca māṃsaṃ subahu pāsavam ||3-73-10||
 tasya prakṣālanārthāya kumbhastatropakalpitaḥ |
 sa tenāvekṣitaḥ kumbhaḥ pūrṇa evābhavattadā ||3-73-11||
 tataḥ prakṣālaṇaṃ kṛtvā samadhiśritya bāhukaḥ |
 tr̥ṇamuṣṭim samādāya āvidhyainaṃ samādadhāt ||3-73-12||
 atha prajvalitastatra sahasā havyavāhanaḥ |
 tadadbhutatamaṃ dr̥ṣṭvā vismitāhamihāgatā ||3-73-13||
 anyacca tasminsumahadāścaryaṃ lakṣitaṃ mayā |
 yadagnimapi saṃspr̥śya naiva dahyatyasau śubhe ||3-73-14||
 chandena codakaṃ tasya vahatyāvarjitaṃ drutam |
 atīva cānyatsumahadāścaryaṃ dr̥ṣṭavatyaham ||3-73-15||
 yatsa puṣpānyupādāya hastābhyāṃ mamṛde śanaiḥ |
 mṛdyamānāni pāṇibhyāṃ tena puṣpāni tānyatha ||3-73-16||
 bhūya eva sugandhīni hr̥ṣitāni bhavanti ca |
 etānyadbhutakalpāni dr̥ṣṭvāham drutamāgatā ||3-73-17||

bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 damayantī tu tacchrutvā puṇyaślokasya ceṣṭitam |
 amanyata nalaṃ prāptaṃ karmaceṣṭābhisūcitam ||3-73-18||
 sā śaṅkamānā bhartāraṃ nalaṃ bāhukarūpiṇam |
 keśinīm ślakṣṇayā vācā rudatī punarabravit ||3-73-19||
 punargaccha pramattasya bāhukasyopasaṃskṛtam |
 mahānasācchṛtaṃ māṃsaṃ samādāyaihi bhāmini ||3-73-20||
 sā gatvā bāhuke vyagre tanmāṃsamapakṣya ca |
 atyuṣṇameva tvaritā tatkṣaṇaṃ priyakāriṇī |
 damayantyai tataḥ prādātkeśinī kurunandana ||3-73-21||
 socitā nalasiddhasya māṃsasya bahuśaḥ purā |
 prāśya matvā nalaṃ sūdaṃ prakrośadbhṛśaduḥkhitā ||3-73-22||
 vaiklavyaṃ ca paraṃ gatvā prakṣālya ca mukhaṃ tataḥ |
 mithunaṃ preṣayāmāsa keśinyā saha bhārata ||3-73-23||
 indrasenāṃ saha bhrātrā samabhijñāya bāhukaḥ |
 abhidrutya tato rājā pariṣvajyāṅkamānayat ||3-73-24||
 bāhukastu samāsādyā sutau surasutopamau |
 bhṛśaṃ duḥkhaparitātmā sasvaraṃ prarudoda ha ||3-73-25||
 naiśadho darśayitvā tu vikāramasakṛttadā |
 utsṛjya sahasā putrau keśinīmidamabravit ||3-73-26||
 idaṃ susadr̥śaṃ bhadre mithunaṃ mama putrayoḥ |
 tato dr̥ṣṭvaiva sahasā bāṣpamutsṛṣṭavānaḥam ||3-73-27||
 bahuśaḥ saṃpatantim tvam janaḥ śaṅketa doṣataḥ |
 vayaṃ ca deśātithayo gaccha bhadre namo 'stu te ||3-73-28||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 sarvaṃ vikāraṃ dr̥ṣṭvā tu puṇyaślokasya dhīmataḥ |
 āgatya keśinī kṣipraṃ damayantyai nyavedayat ||3-74-1||
 damayantī tato bhūyaḥ preṣayāmāsa keśinīm |
 mātuh sakāśaṃ duḥkhārtā nalaśaṅkāsamutsukā ||3-74-2||
 parīkṣito me bahuśo bāhuko nalaśaṅkayā |
 rūpe me saṃśayastvekaḥ svayamicchāmi veditum ||3-74-3||
 sa vā praveśyatam mātarmam vānujñātumarhasi |
 veditam vātha vājñātaṃ piturme saṃvidhiyatam ||3-74-4||
 evamuktā tu vaidarbhyā sā devī bhīmamabravit |
 duhitustamabhiprāyamanvajānācca pārthivaḥ ||3-74-5||

sã vai pitrãbhyanujñãtã mãtrã ca bharatarşabha |
 nalam praveşayãmãsa yatra tasyãh pratişrayaḥ ||3-74-6||
 taṃ tu dr̥ṣṭvã tathãyuktaṃ damayantĩ nalam tadã |
 tivraśokasamãviṣṭã babhũva varavarñinĩ ||3-74-7||
 tataḥ kãşãyavasanã jaṭilã malapañkinĩ |
 damayantĩ mahãrãja bãhukaṃ vãkyamabravit ||3-74-8||
 dr̥ṣṭapũrvastvayã kaściddharmajño nãma bãhuka |
 suptãmutsr̥jya vipine gato yaḥ puruṣaḥ striyam ||3-74-9||
 anãgasam priyãṃ bhãryãṃ vijane śramamohitãṃ |
 apahãya tu ko gacchetpuñyaślokamr̥te nalam ||3-74-10||
 kiṃ nu tasya mayã kãryamaparãddham mahĩpateḥ |
 yo mãmutsr̥jya vipine gatavãnnidrayã hṛtãṃ ||3-74-11||
 sãkşãddevãnapãhãya vṛto yaḥ sa mayã purã |
 anuvratãṃ sãbhikãmãṃ putriṇiṃ tyaktavãnkatham ||3-74-12||
 agnau pãñigr̥hitãṃ ca hamsãnãṃ vacane sthitãṃ |
 bharişyãmiti satyaṃ ca pratişrutya kva tadgatam ||3-74-13||
 damayantyã bruvantyãstu sarvametadarim̐dama |
 śokajaṃ vãri netrãbhyãmasukham prãsravadbahu ||3-74-14||
 ativa kṛşṇatãrãbhyãṃ raktãntãbhyãṃ jalam tu tat |
 parisravannalo dr̥ṣṭvã śokãrta idamabravit ||3-74-15||
 mama rãjyaṃ pranaṣṭam yannãham tatkr̥tavãnsvayam |
 kalinã tatkr̥taṃ bhĩru yacca tvãmahamatyajam ||3-74-16||
 tvayã tu dharmabhṛcchreṣṭhe śãpenãbhihataḥ purã |
 vanasthayã duḥkhitayã śocantyã mãṃ vivãsasam ||3-74-17||
 sa maccharĩre tvacchãpãddahyamãno 'vasatkaliḥ |
 tvacchãpadagdhaḥ satataṃ so 'gnãviva samãhitaḥ ||3-74-18 ||
 mama ca vyavasãyena tapasã caiva nirjitaḥ |
 duḥkhasyãntena cãnena bhavitavyaṃ hi nau śubhe ||3-74-19||
 vimucya mãṃ gataḥ pãpaḥ sa tato 'hamihãgataḥ |
 tvadartham vipulaśroṇi na hi me 'nyatprayojanam ||3-74-20||
 katham nu nãri bhartãramanuraktamanuvratam |
 utsr̥jya varayedanyaṃ yathã tvam bhĩru karhicit ||3-74-21||
 dũtãscaranti pṛthiviṃ kṛtsnãṃ nr̥patisãsanãt |
 bhaimĩ kila sma bhartãram dvitiyãṃ varayĩşyati ||3-74-22||
 svairavṛttã yathãkãmamanurũpamivãtmanaḥ |

śrutvaiva caivam tvarito bhãngasvarirupasthitaḥ ||3-74-23||
 damayantĩ tu tacchrutvã nalasya paridevitam |
 prãñjalirvepamãnã ca bhĩtã vacanamabravit ||3-74-24||
 damayantyuvãca |
 na mãmarhasi kalyãṇa pãpena parişankitum |
 mayã hi devãnutsr̥jya vṛtastvam nişadhãdhipa ||3-75-1||
 tavãbhigamanãrtham tu sarvato brãhmaṇã gatãḥ |
 vãkyãni mama gãthãbhircãyamãnã diśo daśa ||3-75-2||
 tatastvam brãhmaṇo vidvãnparñãdo nãma pãrthiva |
 abhyagacchatkosalãyãmr̥tuparñaniveśane ||3-75-3||
 tena vãkye hr̥te samyakprativãkye tathãhr̥te |
 upãyo 'yaṃ mayã dr̥ṣṭo naişadhãnayane tava ||3-75-4||
 tvãmr̥te na hi loke 'nya ekãhnã pṛthivĩpate |
 samartho yojanaśataṃ gantumaśvairnarãdhipa ||3-75-5||
 tathã cemau mahĩpãla bhaje 'ham caraṇau tava |
 yathã nãsatkr̥taṃ kiṃ cinmanasãpi carãmyaham ||3-75-6||
 ayam carati loke 'sminbhũtasãkşĩ sadãgatiḥ |
 eṣa muñcatu me prãñãnyadi pãpam carãmyaham ||3-75-7||
 tathã carati tigmãṃsuḥ pareṇa bhuvanaṃ sadã |
 sa vimuñcatu me prãñãnyadi pãpam carãmyaham ||3-75-8||
 candramãḥ sarvabhũtãnamantaścarati sãkşivat |
 sa vimuñcatu me prãñãnyadi pãpam carãmyaham ||3-75-9||
 ete devãstrayaḥ kṛtsnam trailokyam dhãrayanti vai |
 vibruvantu yathãsatyamete vãdya tyajantu mãṃ ||3-75-10||
 evamukte tato vãyurantarikşãdabhãşata |
 naişã kr̥tavatĩ pãpam nala satyaṃ bravĩmi te ||3-75-11||
 rãjañşilanidhiḥ sphĩto damayantyã surakşitaḥ |
 sãkşĩṇo rakşĩnaścãsyã vayam trĩnparivatsarãn ||3-75-12||
 upãyo vihitaścãyam tvadarthamatulo 'nayã |
 na hyekãhnã şataṃ gantã tvadr̥te 'nyaḥ pumãniha ||3-75-13||
 upapannã tvayã bhaimĩ tvam ca bhaimyã mahĩpate |
 nãtra śãnkã tvayã kãryã samgaccha saha bhãryayã ||3-75-14||
 tathã bruvati vãyau tu puşpavṛşṭiḥ papãta ha |
 devadundubhayo nedurvavau ca pavanaḥ śivaḥ ||3-75-15||
 tadadbhutatamaṃ dr̥ṣṭvã nalo rãjãtha bhãrata |

damayantyām viśaṅkāṃ tām vyapākarṣadarimdamah ||3-75-16||
tatastadvastramarajaḥ prāvṛṇodvasudhādhipaḥ |
saṃsmṛtya nāgarājānaṃ tato lebhe vapuḥ svakam ||3-75-17||
svarūpiṇaṃ tu bhartāraṃ dṛṣṭvā bhīmasutā tadā |
prākrośaduccairāliṅgya puṇyaślokamaninditā ||3-75-18||
bhaimimapi nalo rājā bhrājāmāno yathā purā |
sasvaje svasutau cāpi yathāvatpratyanandata ||3-75-19||
tataḥ svorasi vinyasya vaktraṃ tasya śubhānanā |
parītā tena duḥkhena niśāsvāsāyatekṣaṇā ||3-75-20||
tathaiva maladigdhanḅgī pariṣvajya śucismitā |
suciraṃ puruṣavyāghraṃ tasthau sāsrupariplutā ||3-75-21||
tataḥ sarvaṃ yathāvṛttaṃ damayantyā nalasya ca |
bhīmāyākathayatprītyā vaidarbhyā janani nṛpa ||3-75-22||
tato 'bravīnmahārājaḥ kṛtaśaucamaḥ nalam |
damayantyā sahoḥpetam kālyam draṣṭā sukhoṣitam ||3-75-23||
tatastau sahitaḥ rātriṃ kathayantau purātanam |
vane vicaritam sarvamūṣaturmuditau nṛpa ||3-75-24||
sa caturthe tato varṣe saṃgamyā saha bhāryayā |
sarvakāmaiḥ susiddhārtho labdhavānparamāṃ mudam ||3-75-25||
damayantyāpi bhartāramavāpyāpyāyitā bhṛśam |
ardhasaṃjātasasyeva toyam prāpya vasuṃdharā ||3-75-26||
saivaṃ sametya vyapanītatandrī | śāntajvarā harṣavivṛddhasattvā |
rarāja bhaimī samavāptakāmā | śītāṃśunā rātririvoditena ||3-75-27||
bṛhadaśva uvāca |
atha tām vyūṣito rātriṃ nalo rājā svalamkṛtaḥ |
vaidarbhyā sahitaḥ kālyam dadarśa vasudhādhipam ||3-76-1||
tato 'bhivādayāmāsa prayataḥ śvaśuraṃ nalaḥ |
tasyānu damayantī ca vavande pitaram śubhā ||3-76-2||
taṃ bhīmaḥ pratijagrāha putratparayā mudā |
yathārham pūjayitvā tu samāśvāsayata prabhuḥ |
nalena sahitaṃ tatra damayantiṃ pativratām ||3-76-3||
tāmarhaṇām nalo rājā pratigrhya yathāvidhi |
paricaryām svakām tasmai yathāvatpratyaavedayat ||3-76-4||
tato babhūva nagare sumahānharṣanisvanaḥ |
janasya saṃprahrṣṭasya nalam dṛṣṭvā tathāgatam ||3-76-5||

aśobhayacca nagaram patākādhvajamālinam |
siktasamṛṣṭapūṣpādhyā rājamārgāḥ kṛtāstadā ||3-76-6||
dvāri dvāri ca paurāṇām puṣpabhaṅgaḥ prakalpitaḥ |
arcitāni ca sarvāṇi devatāyatanāni ca ||3-76-7||
ṛtuparṇo 'pi śuśrāva bāhukacchadminaṃ nalam |
damayantyā samāyuktaṃ jahṛṣe ca narādhipaḥ ||3-76-8||
tamānāyā nalo rājā kṣamayāmāsa pārthivam |
sa ca taṃ kṣamayāmāsa hetubhirbuddhisammataḥ ||3-76-9||
sa satkṛto mahipālo naiśadham vismayānvitaḥ |
diṣṭyā sameto dāraiḥ svairbhavānityabhyandata ||3-76-10||
kaccittu nāparādham te kṛtavānasmī naiśadha |
ajñātavāsam vasato madgrhe niśadhādhipa ||3-76-11||
yadi vā buddhipūrvāṇi yadyabuddhāni kānicit |
mayā kṛtānyakāryāṇi tāni me kṣantumarhasi ||3-76-12||
nala uvāca |
na me 'parādham kṛtavāṃstvam svalpamapi pārthiva |
kṛte 'pi ca na me kopaḥ kṣantavyam hi mayā tava ||3-76-13||
pūrvam hyasi sakhā me 'si saṃbandhī ca narādhipa |
ata ūrdhvaṃ tu bhūyastvam prītimāhartumarhasi ||3-76-14||
sarvakāmaiḥ suvithaḥ sukhamasmyuṣitastvayi |
na tathā svagrhe rājanyathā tava grhe sadā ||3-76-15||
idaṃ caiva hayajñānaṃ tvadiyam mayi tiṣṭhati |
tadupākartumicchāmi manyase yadi pārthiva ||3-76-16||
bṛhadaśva uvāca |
evamuktavā dadau vidyāmṛtuparṇāyā naiśadhaḥ |
sa ca tām pratijagrāha vidhidṛṣṭena karmaṇā ||3-76-17||
tato grhyāśvahṛdayam tadā bhāṅgasvarinṛpaḥ |
sūtamanyamupādāya yayau svapurameva hi ||3-76-18||
ṛtuparṇe pratigate nalo rājā viśam pate |
nagare kuṇḍine kālam nātidīrghamivāvasat ||3-76-19||
bṛhadaśva uvāca |
sa māsamuṣya kaunteya bhīmamāmantrya naiśadhaḥ |
purādalpaparivāro jagāma niśadhānprati ||3-77-1||
rathenaikena śubhreṇa dantibhiḥ pariṣoḍāśaiḥ |
pañcāśadbhirhayaiścaiva ṣaṣṭaśataiśca padātibhiḥ ||3-77-2||

sa kampayanniva mahim tvaramāṇo mahīpatiḥ |
 praviveśātisaṃrabdharasāiva mahāmanāḥ ||3-77-3||
 tataḥ puṣkaramāsādyā vīrasenasuto nalaḥ |
 uvāca divyāva punarbahu vittam mayārjitam ||3-77-4||
 damayantī ca yaccānyanmayā vasu samarjitam |
 eṣa vai mama saṃnyāsastava rājyaṃ tu puṣkara ||3-77-5||
 punaḥ pravartatām dyūtamiti me niścītā matiḥ |
 ekapāṇena bhadraṃ te prāṇayośca paṇāvahe ||3-77-6||
 jītvā parasvamāhṛtya rājyaṃ vā yadi vā vasu |
 pratipāṇaḥ pradātavyaḥ paraṃ hi dhanamucyate ||3-77-7||
 na cedvāñchasi taddyūtam yuddhadyūtam pravartatām |
 dvairathenāstu vai śāntistava vā mama vā nṛpa ||3-77-8||
 vaṃśabhojyamidaṃ rājyaṃ mārgitavyaṃ yathā tathā |
 yena tenāpyupāyena vṛddhānāmiti śāsanam ||3-77-9||
 dvayorekatāre buddhiḥ kriyatāmadya puṣkara |
 kaitavenākṣavatyāṃ vā yuddhe vā namyatām dhanuḥ ||3-77-10||
 naiśadhenaivamuktastu puṣkaraḥ prahasanniva |
 dhruvamātmajayaṃ matvā pratyāha pṛthivīpatim ||3-77-11||
 diṣṭyā tvayārjitam vittam pratipāṇāya naiśadha |
 diṣṭyā ca duṣkṛtam karma damayantyāḥ kṣayaṃ gatam |
 diṣṭyā ca dhriyase rājansadāro 'rinibarhaṇa ||3-77-12||
 dhanenānena vaidarbhī jitenā samalamkṛtā |
 māmupasthāsyati vyaktam divi śakramivāpsarāḥ ||3-77-13||
 nityaśo hi smarāmi tvāṃ pratikṣāmi ca naiśadha |
 devane ca mama pṛtirna bhavatyasuhṛdgaṇaiḥ ||3-77-14||
 jītvā tvadya varārohāṃ damayantīmaninditām |
 kṛtakṛtyo bhaviṣyāmi sā hi me nityaśo hṛdi ||3-77-15||
 śrutvā tu tasya tā vāco bahvabaddhapralāpinaḥ |
 iyeṣa sa śiraśchettum khaḍgena kupito nalaḥ ||3-77-16||
 smayaṃstu roṣatāmrākṣastamuvāca tato nṛpaḥ |
 paṇāvaḥ kiṃ vyāharase jītvā vai vyāharisyasi ||3-77-17||
 tataḥ prāvartata dyūtam puṣkarasya nalasya ca |
 ekapāṇena bhadraṃ te nalena sa parājitaḥ |
 saratnakośanicayaḥ prāṇena paṇito 'pi ca ||3-77-18||
 jītvā ca puṣkaram rājā prahasannidamabravīt |

mama sarvamidaṃ rājyamavyagram hatakaṅṭakam ||3-77-19||
 vaidarbhī na tvayā śakyā rājāpasada vīksitum |
 tasyāstvam saparivāro mūḍha dāsatvamāgataḥ ||3-77-20||
 na tattvayā kṛtam karma yenāham nirjitaḥ purā |
 kalinā tatkr̥tam karma tvam tu mūḍha na budhyase |
 nāham parakṛtam doṣam tvayyādhāsyē kathamcāna ||3-77-21||
 yathāsukham tvam jīvasva prāṇānabhyutsṛjāmi te |
 tathaiva ca mama pṛtistvayī vīra na saṃśayaḥ ||3-77-22||
 saubhrātram caiva me tvatto na kadācitprahāsyati |
 puṣkara tvam hi me bhrātā saṃjīvasva śatam samāḥ ||3-77-23||
 evam nalaḥ sāntvayitvā bhrātaram satyavikramaḥ |
 svapuram preṣayāmāsa pariṣvajya punaḥ punaḥ ||3-77-24||
 sāntvito naiśadhenaivam puṣkaraḥ pratyuvāca tam |
 puṇyaślokaṃ tadā rājannabhivādya kṛtāñjaliḥ ||3-77-25||
 kīrtirastu tavākṣayā jīva varṣayutam sukhī |
 yo me vitarasi prāṇānadhīṣṭhānam ca pāṛthiva ||3-77-26||
 sa tathā satkr̥to rājñā māsamuṣya tadā nṛpaḥ |
 prayayau svapuram hr̥ṣṭaḥ puṣkaraḥ svajanāvṛtaḥ ||3-77-27||
 mahatyā senayā rājanvītaiḥ paricāraikaiḥ |
 bhrājamāna ivādityo vapuṣā puruṣarṣabha ||3-77-28||
 prasthāpya puṣkaram rājā vittavantamanāmayaṃ |
 praviveśa puram śrīmānatyarthamupaśobhitam |
 praviśya sāntvayāmāsa pauraṃśca niśadhādhipaḥ ||3-77-29||
 bṛhadaśva uvāca |
 praśānte tu pure hr̥ṣṭe saṃpravṛtte mahotsave |
 mahatyā senayā rājā damayantīmupānayat ||3-78-1||
 damayantīmapi pitā satkr̥tya paravīrahā |
 prasthāpayadameyātmā bhīmo bhīmaparākramaḥ ||3-78-2||
 āgatāyāṃ tu vaidarbhyāṃ saputrāyāṃ nalo nṛpaḥ |
 vartayāmāsa mudito devarāḍiva nandane ||3-78-3||
 tathā prakāsatām yāto jambūdvīpe 'tha rājasu |
 punaḥ sve cāvasadrājye pratyāhṛtya mahāyaśāḥ ||3-78-4||
 ije ca vividhairyajñairvidhivatsvāptadakṣiṇaiḥ |
 tathā tvamapi rājendra sasuhṛdvakṣyase 'cirāt ||3-78-4||