the woman, Vīlhā. The son of wise Golha is a poet, endowed of virtue, an apparent Lord of the Three Worlds, an esteemed friend and benevolent person.

While roaming about out of curiosity, with a fondness for Vaesari, 2 Sirihara perceived the Jauna River, 3 which charms the hearts of gods and men, as a beautiful necklace on a courtesan. (1.2.2.-1.2.6.)

Her upper garment was the globules of foam and her glorious breasts the sporting rahanga birds. Her romavali, for effective in distracting the minds of learned men, was the network of algae. Her beautiful ringlets of braided hair were the rows of bees, and her lengthy eyes, the petals of the blossomed lotus. Her navel, dispelling the heat of those with fever, was the whirlpool churned

Apa. <u>tihuaṇavai</u> (Skt. <u>tribhuvanapati</u>) "lord of the three worlds," an epithet for a Jina. Śridhara equates himself with a tirthankara!

² Cf. Skt. Vagisvarī "Goddess of Speech;" an epithet of Sarasvatī.

I.e., the Yamuna River.

⁴ Cf. Skt. rathanga "Anas Casarca or ruddy goose;" synonymous with Skt. cakravaka. These birds, usually found in pairs, were often used in Indian literature to epitomize love and the amorous couple. It was believed that they truly mourned when separated from a mate.

⁵ The line of hair above the navel.

by the wind. The saffron smeared [on her body] was the ichor of the wild elephant, and her shining teeth the half-open oyster shells. Her excellent face was the blossoming lotus. She is affectionate to her lover as the Pavara is to the ocean. Her buttocks were the wide, glistening sand banks. When Sirihara crossed the river, he saw it with his eyes in this manner. (1.2.7.-1.2.13.)

In the region of Hariyanau² which has numerous villages and whose inhabitants are ever happy,

Ghatta

there is the large city called Dhilli, favored by Suravai, destroying hostile armies, a mass of wealth making the blood of the enemy boil. (1.2.14.-1.2.15.)

The Pavara (Skt. Pravara) is a tributary of the Godavari which eventually flows into the Bay of Bengal.

A toponym referring to the area west of the Yamuna River, roughly between the towns of Karnal, Sirsa, Hansi and Delhi. The modern form of the name is Harayana, now a state of the Indian Union. See the Introduction, pp. 55ff.

Now the capital of India. The contemporary spelling in Hindī being Dillī, and in English, Delhi. See the Introduction, pp.55ff.

⁴ Cf. Skt. Surapati "Lord of the Gods;" an epithet of Indra. From the time of the Mahabharata, an area of the city has been known as Indraprastha "Indra's Plain."

The reference to "hostile armies" and the "enemy" refers to the Muslim Pathan armies which had begun to pose a threat and which eventually captured Delhi under the leadership of Muḥammad ibn Sam (Muḥammad Ghūrī) in 1192 A.D.

far away and the pride of people who constantly gossip. (1.12.1.-1.12.12.)

Ghatta

His wife, who has beautiful, prominent breasts, is called Vammadevi. A blend of happiness, charm and beautiful eyes, she is always pleased with the pleasure of love. (1.12.13.)

[Book One : Chapter Thirteen]

A crimson color is seen on the soles of her feet - otherwise, how does Sara slay with his arrows?

A secret emotion is elicited by her ankles - otherwise, why do the gods have an unpredictable nature? Her round calves are devoid of hair and veins - otherwise, why are they impassable to the ball [in the form of the] mind? Her knee is a strong trap - otherwise, why do infatuated people fall down? Her delightful, excellent thighs are very strong in love-making - otherwise, how would the accomplished lover be without strength? Her broad hips are incomparable - otherwise, why does a man abandon his pride? Her body, that of a young girl, slays Sara - otherwise,

I.e., her calves are so beautiful and attractive, the mind is satisfied and does not require further inspection of her body.

how does she infatuate the wise man? The depth of her navel is captivating - otherwise, how does she cause surprise in the mind of a person? Her slender stomach manifests a multitude of virtues - otherwise, how does she intimidate the mind of a god, man [or even] a snake? The three folds [above her navel] diminish the concentration of the monk's mind - otherwise, why does Ananga dance about? 1 Her breasts are large and prominent otherwise, why do men's heads spin? Her arms seem to me to be the snare of Pancasara - otherwise, why does she excite thousands of men?² Her beautiful neck is resplendent with lines - otherwise, how does the conch continue sounding? Her lotus-face is the color of passion otherwise, why is the full-moon blemished? Her lower-lip, which fascinates the eye, is similar to a bimba fruit otherwise, how is the "Thousand-Eyed-One" attracted? 4 The brilliance of her teeth provides her splendor - otherwise, why are pearls favored [by everyone]? The arch of her

¹ Cf. Skt. Ananga "bodiless," God of Love.

² Cf. Skt. Pañcaśara "five-arrowed," God of Love.

Kamvu carries the double meaning "conch/the three lines on the neck." The swirls and creases in the conch, responsible for its sounding qualities, refer to the creases in her neck, which in turn are fancifully responsible for her ability to speak.

⁴ Since she is fascinating to the eye, it is no wonder that Indra, whose body is covered with eyes, hence the epithet, is so attracted to her.

eyebrow is the bow of Mayaradhaya - otherwise, why is one impassioned at the time of love? (1.13.1.-1.13.18.)

Ghatta

She has a faultless, voluptuous body and exceedingly long eyes - otherwise, why is a man's heart torn and
rent with the temptation of desire's passion? (1.13.19.)

[Book One : Chapter Fourteen]

Her hair resembles the peacock's tail, hurling arrows like Raivara. 2 (1.14.1.)

[Hayasena's] lovely wife, full of devotion and the moon's lustre, remained in her quarters. (1.14.2.)

Upon seeing his brilliant, bejeweled throne shaking, Surahivai³ understood the real cause; not by his eyes, but through his avahi knowledge.⁴ Having summoned

l Cf. Skt. Makaradhvaja "having a makara for an emblem," an epithet of the God of Love.

² Cf. Skt. Rativara "husband of Rati," the God of Love. For a description of female beauty similar to that of stanzas 1.13.1-1.14.1., see W.N. Brown, <u>Vasanta Vilasa</u>, pp.57-69.

³ Cf. Skt. Suradhipati "lord of the gods," Indra.

⁴ Cf. Skt. avadhi "the faculty of perceiving that which is beyond the reach of the senses." See Gopalan, pp.48-49, 51-52, 73-74, 103 and 105.

Ghatta

The city of VanarasI appeared to the delighted khayaras like an experienced courtesan, who ever endures the burden of passion, sporting with many types of people who enjoy love. 1 (1.14.12.)

[Book One : Chapter Fifteen]

The wide ramparts are like her bodice, highly valued by many types of paramours. It has rows of raised banners like her fingernails and temples erect like the nipples of her swollen breasts. The city-gate, like her mouth, gives rise to passion. The water-filled moat appears as the three folds [on her abdomen]. She avoids the company of the moneyless and keeps her excellent body from withered men. She flirts with her eyes which are like the sun and moon and does not allow herself to be touched by evil and wicked people. She does not mind the wound of the horse's sharp hoof. 2 She manifests a sportive

With this simile, Śrīdhara emphasizes that, as the accomplished courtesan is capable of satisfying all the various demands of her clients, be they sexual or intellectual, so is Vaṇarasī capable of fulfilling every desire, be it religious or otherwise.

The comparison of the city and the courtesan is sustained if we interpret the word turanga both as "horse" and "strong man; " and read khura-nahara both as "sharp hoof" and "sharp nail."

nature, like a herd of elephants. She gives pleasure to all the men who have displayed fame and courage on this earth. When she smiles, her teeth are like a string of pearls. She glows with the touch of a hand. She possesses a beauty adorned with numerous groves, delighting the mind with charming quarters. She undertakes to destroy the impure with a covering of saffron and offers a multitude of flowers in full bloom. (1.15.1.-1.15.10.)

Ghatta

At this moment, according to the command of Inda, who reverenced the Jininda, beautiful apsaras skilled in love, arrived at the charming house of the beautiful VammadevI. (1.15.11.)

[Book One : Chapter Sixteen]

These auspicious apsaras were celebrated for their patience, beauty, intelligence and modesty; pleasing and charming to the eyes of mortals. Famous and beautiful,

¹ A pun is derived from the word kara "hand/ray."
I.e., she [the city] glows on account of the touch of
the [sun's] rays.

Apa. paesa (Skt. pradesa) not only refers to the surrounding areas of the city, but also to the various parts of the courtesan's body.

they filled the valleys with the sound of their anklets. Moreover, the ones highly valued by Amayāsaṇasāmiya were invisible. The radiance of their moon-faces subdued the moon's beams. The strength of Māra was vanquished by their eyes. They adorned the sky [with the crimson color] of their lotus-feet. The earth was ornamented with the radiance of their bodies. Their breasts were caressed by trembling creepers [in the form] of necklaces. They infatuated the masses with their beauty. The ones who had obtained Surasāmiya in sayamvara rites filled the sky with the colors of their various garments. Their fingers were more beautiful than the leaves of the date palm. They were thoroughly versed in the worldly arts. (1.16.1.-1.16.8.)

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When these goddesses, destroyers of mortal minds, saw Hayasena's delightful wife, who was praised as a source of happiness, a destroyer of discord and impurity,

Cf. Skt. Amṛtasanasvamika "lord of those who exist on nectar;" i.e., Indra.

² Cf. Skt. Surasvamika "lord of the gods;" i.e., Indra. Cf. Skt. svayamvara "self-choice;" the rite in which a woman chooses her husband from a group of men in competition.

jina-kaccu kunamtaho duriu hanamtaho

sara-kuramga-marana-savara //1//

[Padhamo Samdhi : Viio Kadavako]

viraevi camdappaha-cariu caru /
cira-cariya-kamma-dukkh'avaharu //
viharamtem kouhala-vasena /

parihacchiya vaesari-rasena //

1.2.3. siri-ayaravala-kula-sambhavenal /

1.2.1.

1.2.2.

1.2.6.

jaṇaṇī-vīlhā-gabbh'ubbhavēṇa //

1.2.4. aṇavaraya-viṇaya-paṇay'āruhēṇa /

kaiṇā vuha-golha²-taṇūruhēṇa //

1.2.5. payadiya-tihuanavai³-guna-bharena /
manniya-suhi-suanem⁴ siri-harena //

jauna-sari sura-nara-hiyaya-hara /

nam varavilasini-paura⁵-hara //

1.2.7. dimdīra-pimda-uppariyanilla /
kīlira-rahamga-thovvada⁶-thanilla //

vams'obbhavena 2. gulha 3. tihuvana 4. sayanem
 pavara 6. thuvvada

1.2.8.	sevala-jala-romavalilla / vuhayaṇa-maṇa-pariraṃjaṇa-chailla //
1.2.9.	bhamar'avali-venT-valaya-lacchi / papphulla-poma-dala-dThar'acchi //
1.2.10.	pavan'ahaya-salil'avatta-nahi / vinihaya-janavaya-tanu-tava-vahi //
1.2.11.	<pre>vana-mayagala-mayajala-ghusinalitta / dara-phudiya-sippiuda-dasana-ditta //</pre>
1.2.12.	viyasamta-saroruha-pavara-vatta / rayamayara-pavara-piy'amuratta //
1.2.13.	viul'amala-pulina-niyamva jama / uttinnī nayanahim dittha tama //
1.2.14.	hariyanae dese ³ asamkha-game ⁴ / gamiyana-janiya-anavaraya-kame ⁵ //

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1.2.15. para-cakka-vihattanu siri-samghattanu jo suravaina pariganium /
riu-ruhir'avattanu paviulu⁶ pattanu dhillī-nāmēna ji bhanium //2//

1. chayalla 2. MS A ditthu 3. desi 4. gami 5. kami 6. paviula

1.12.12. duro saramti sahasatti pava /
vahu-jampana-jana l-samvihiya-gava //

Ghatta

1.12.13. taho atthi sumanahara unnaya²-thanahara vammadevi-namena piya /
ja suhaya suloyana suha-samjoyana
rai³-suhena anavarau piya //12//

[Padhamo Samdhi : Terahamo Kadavako]

- 1.13.1. airūu jāhe vaņņai ņa kovi /
 niya-mai vilāsu dakkhavami tovi //
- 1.13.2. rattattanu darisiu⁴ kamayalehim /
 iyaraha kaha saru marai sarehim //
- 1.13.3. gupphahi⁵ vipphariu gudha-bhau⁶ /
 iyaraham kaha suraha⁷ vicala-sahau⁸ //
- 1.13.4. vaṭṭula vi roma-sira-rahiya-jaṃgha /
 iyarahaṃ kaha maṇa-jheṃdua 9-alaṃgha 10 //
- 1.13.5. janua¹¹-samdarisiya¹²-nivida-vamdha¹³ /
 iyaraham kaha¹⁴ nivadahim¹⁵ jana-mayamdha //

^{1.} yana 2. umnnaya 3. raim 4. darasiu 5. gupphahim 6. bhaum 7. suraham 8. sahaum 9. jhimduva 10. dulamgha 11. januva 12. samdarasiya 13. vaddha 14. kaham 15. nivadahim

- 1.13.6. sulaliya-pavar'oru-rai-susara /
 iyaraha kaha kaya-lilaya asara //
- 1.13.7. kadiyala-pihulattanu aiauvvu /
 iyaraha² kaha janu mellai sagavvu //
- 1.13.8. nava-naini³-tanu samaro marai⁴ /
 iyaraha⁵ kaha⁶ mujjhai vivuha jai⁷ //
- 1.13.9. nahī⁸-gambhirattaņu manojju⁹ /
 iyaraha¹⁰ kaha jaṇa-maṇi¹¹ jaṇaim¹² cojju //
- 1.13.10. pattalu vi pottu payadiya-gun'ohu /
 iyaraham¹³ kaha sura-nara-phani-manohu //
- 1.13.11. munihum vi mana-vala-haru tivali-bhamgu /
 iyaraha¹⁴ kaha aivaggai anamgu //
- 1.13.12. tumgattu hou thoratthanaham /
 iyaraha kaha sira-calanu janaham //
- 1.13.13. bhuva¹⁶-juu mannami pamcasara-pasu /
 iyaraham¹⁷ kaha vaddhau jana-sahasu //

^{1.} iyaraham 2. imyaraham 3. nava-naini 4. maraim, grammatically should be marai, but the meter requires the last three morae to be ja-gana (short-long-short) 5. iyaraham 6. kaham 7. jaim 8. nahi 9. manujja 10. iyaraham 11. mana 12. janai 13. imyaraham 14. iyaraham 15. iyaraham 16. bhuu 17. imyaraham

- 1.13.14. rehahim pavaru kamdharu vihai¹ /
 iyaraham² kaha³ kamvu rasamtu thai⁴ //
- 1.13.15. muha-kamalu padarisiya-raya⁵-ramgu /
 iyaraha⁶ kaha chana-sasahara⁷ savamgu //
- 1.13.16. vimva saris'aharu hariya-cakkhu /
 iyaraham kaha mohiu daha⁸-sayakkhu //
- 1.13.17. diya-soha dharamti sudittiyaim /
 iyaraham⁹ piyai¹⁰ kaha¹¹ mottiyaim //
- 1.13.18. mayaraddhaya-dhanu bhuvibbhamilla /
 iyaraham¹² kaha rai-samae rasilla //

Ghatta

1.13.19. juttau¹³ laliy'amgihi niru nivv'amgihi aidihattanu loyanaham /
iyaraha¹⁴ kaha darahim jana-manu-marahim kamiya-mayan'ukkovanaham¹⁵ //13//

[Padhamo Samdhi : Caudahamo Kadavako]

- 1.14.1. sihi-kalāva-saṃkāsa-kēsiyā /
 raivarēṇa 16 ṇaṃ bhalli-pēsiyā //
- 1. vihaim 2. imyaraham 3. kim 4. thaim 5. jasu 6. imyaraham 7. sasaharu 8. dasa 9. imyaraham 10. kaha 11. piyaraim 12. imyaraham 13. juttaum 14. imyaraham 15. mayan'ukkoyanaham 16. raimvarena

jā janēhi^l sura-puri va samkiyā //

tam sunevi ten'avi sa kiya /

Ghatta

1.14.12. vanarasi-nayarī ramjiya-khayarī

1.14.11.

podha-vilasinī va sahai² /
nana-viha-loyaho bhumjiya-bhoyaho

sai³ lTlai⁴ rai⁵-bharu sahai //14//

[Paḍhamo Saṃdhi : Paṇṇarahamo Kaḍavako]

1.15.1. suvisāla-sāla kamcua samāņa /

vahuviha-bhuvamga-manijjamana⁶ //

1.15.2. ullalivi dhaya-mala karaggu /

uccaevi surahara thana-haraggu //

1.15.3. goura-muhēņa samjanevi⁷ ramgu /
darisai jala-parihā tivali-bhamgu //

1.15.4. na⁸ samicchai⁹ niddhana¹⁰-janaha¹¹ samgu /

nīrasa-naraham¹² rakkhai var'amgu //

1.15.5. virayai ravi¹³-sasi¹⁴-loyana-vilasu /
phamsana na dei dujjana-khalasu //

1. janehim 2. sahaim 3. saim 4. līlae 5. raim 6. maniyajuvana 7. samjanivi 8. na 9. samicchaim 10. niddhana 11. janaham 12. nīsesa-naraham 13. sasi 14. ravi

- 1.15.6. na¹ gaṇaim² turaṃga-khura-ṇahara-ghāu /
 payaḍai gaya-ghaḍa-malhaṇa-sahāu³ //

 1.15.7. virayai rai ṇihila-ṇarottamāhaṃ /
 mahiyali⁴ payaḍiya⁵-jasa-vikkamāhaṃ //

 1.15.8. mottiya⁶-sudāma-dasaṇahiṃ hasaṃti /
 kara-phaṃsa-vasēṇa samullasaṃti //

 1.15.9. ṇāṇā-vaṇa-bhūsaṇa-siri dharaṃti /
 ramaṇīya-paēsahi⁷ maṇu haraṃti //

 1.15.10. ṇēhīra-chadaya⁸-samala-hanu limti⁹ /
 - Ghatta

viyasiya-pasuna-samdohu dimti //

- 1.15.11. itth'amtari imdaho naviya-jinimdaho

 aesim pavar'accharau¹⁰ /

 pattau¹¹ siya-sevihe vammadevihe

 manahara-hare rai-kottharau¹² //15//
 - [Padhamo Samdhi : Solahamo Kadavako]
- 1.16.1. dihi-kamti-suvuddhi-sukitti sirī /
 jaṇa-loyaṇa-hariṇi-caru hirī //
- 1. na 2. ganai 3. sahaum 4. payadiya 5. mahiyali 6. muttiya 7. paesahim 8. nehir'acchaka 9. nemti 10. pavar'accharaum 11. imttau 12. kuttharaum

1.16.2.	supasiddhau eyau sumdaraum / kama-neura-raviya-kamdaraum //
1.16.3.	avarau na kena vi janiyaum³/ amay'asana-samiya-maniyaum //
1.16.4.	muha-imda ⁴ -paha-haya-camdayara / nayanehi ⁵ parajjiya-mara-sara //
1.16.5.	paya-poma-pasahiya-vomayala / tanu-teya-vihusiya-bhumiyala //
1.16.6.	cala-hāra-layā-parimaṭṭha ⁶ -thaṇā / ṇiya-rūva-vimohiya-lōya-gaṇā //
1.16.7.	sura-samiya-patta-sayamvaraya // vividh'amvara-kavvuriy'amvaraya //
1.16.8.	kara-pallava-nijjiya-pimdi-dala / pariyaniya-nimmala-loyakala //
	Ghatta·

Ghatta.

ayahi⁸ sura-narihim jana-mana-marihim 1.16.9. hayasenaho pekkhivi ramani / samthua9-suhakarini kali-mala-harini sihin'amtari cala-hara-mani //16//

^{1.} sumdarau 2. MS A kamdarau 3. MS A janiyau 4. camda 5. nayanehim 6. parimadda 7. sayamvariya 8. ayahim

^{9.} samsthuva