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Part II.

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Remark

This is the continuation from Part I.

Romanized text

(Fol. 27ver, l. 1)

// me bhāsā //
he mālini suno, //
svāmini kaho, //

ghosā //

// kāra pāna dire moru hāthe, mālini, / cita morā na hoyi(l. 2)so āthe, // <Song 52c>¹

// he mālini, kāhāra pāna, amāke karāyelo unmati, //

<Remarks>

MS song-verses 52a – 52c altogether correspond to B 276/16 song 38 [Kitada 2019a: 22]. The rāga-tāla prescription is the same. <End of remarks>

// he mālini suno, //

// svāmini kaho, //

// (l. 3) rāga guñjali, ṣadajati, //

jateka pratigyā ame kailo, mālini, / eke2 sarvva mithyā hailo, //
puruṣavi,(l. 4)dhvasi² vidite, / ādi garbha pūrite udite, // <Song 53a>

// me bhāsā //

he mālini, tuhme jatna kariyā, hamāra prāṇa rākho (l. 5) //

¹ MS song 52c is the repetition of Song 52b.

² Corruption of puruṣaviduṣī.

// he mālinī suno, //
svāminī kaho, //

// kahavāra kaha tāro kathā, / madana vānero, pañca (l. 6) avasthā //
kumārake voliha jatane, / āji jeno haya daraśane, // <Song 53b>³

// ahe mālinī, madana vāne, amāke (l. 7) pañca avasthā hilo, tuhme, jatna kariyā, kumārake kaho, āji
amāke darasana deho, //

<Remarks>

MS songs 53a and 53b correspond to B 276/16 song 42 (*gumjari, jati*) [Kitada 2019a: 24]. The rāga is
the same, the tāla is different. <End of remarks>

mālinī suno, // (Fol. 28rec, l. 1)
svāmini kaho, //

// rāga pañcama ekatāli, //
kapūra vāsita pāna, mālinī ke dilo, / parama pirati bhāva, māri(l. 2)ni ke vau⁴lo, // <Song 54a>

// me bhāsā //
atāyisa⁵ patikāra, suna socalitā, / nirbhaya kahini kaha, nahi toke cintā, // <Song 54b>⁶

me bhā(l. 3)sā, //
// svāmini suno, //
mālinī kaho, //

// tumāra caritra vidyā, vujhvāke nāri, / nirbhaya ka(l. 4)hani kahe, se hi bhayamkari, // <Song 54c>

me bhāsā, //
he mālinī suno, //
svāmini kaho, //

³ MS song 53b corresponds to the last two verses of B 276/16 song 42.

⁴ Obviously, mistake for *vo*.

⁵ < *atāyisa*?

⁶ Obviously, it is the continuation of Song 54a. Therefore, I assign the song number 54b to this
verse. The same rule applies to the following.

// mālinike vole vi(l. 5)dyā, prāñero sakhi, / hena vuddhi karaha, kumāra jena dekhi, // <Song 54d>

<Remarks>

MS songs 54a – 54d altogether correspond B 276/16 song 39 (*paṭamanjari, ekatāla*) [Kitada 2019a: 22].⁷ The rāga is different, but the tāla is the same. <End of remarks>

me bhāsā, //
he svāmini suno, //
māli(l. 6)ni kaho, //

// rāga dhanāśrī, paḍiramāna //

vihade⁸2 pāyaka koṭavāra jāge, / kemane āyesivo, tumā(l. 7)ra antaspure⁹, // <Song 55a>

me bhāsā, //
// he mālini suno, //
svāmini kahivā ho, //

// tahāke voliha mālini, ā(Fol. 28ver, l.1)sivo jatane, / sarvva kalā jāni jave, āsivo āpane, //

<Song 55b>

<Remarks>

MS songs 55a and 55b correspond to the song (*padimāna, pahadiyā*) written as addition in the margin of B 276, p. 14 [Kitada 2019a: 23]. The rāga is different, but the tāla is the same.

Such a condition of text suggests the following: The scribe of MS simply copied this song from the source text. In contrast, the scribe of B 276/16 at first omitted it, afterwards he changed his mind and added it in the margin. This gives a glimpse of how the two scribes redacted the source text differently in their respective manners. <End of remarks>

he mālini, yi pāna prasāda, nirbhaya, tumāke leho, (l. 2)jemane, kumāra sane, darasana hoyi, se upāye,

⁷ Actually MS song-verse 54d is not found in B 276/16, but presumably belonged to the same song in the source text.

⁸ Beng. *bihāra-* “to render out of gear; to disrupt” [Sen 1971]?

⁹ B 276/16 *antamuve*. the scribe’s mode of writing is considerably perplexed, as I argued in Kitada [2019a: p. 23, fn. 219]. There, as one of possibilities, I suggested to amend *antamuve* into **antapure*, and I suggested a reconstruction of the verse: **kavana mana āsive torā anta pure*. This suggestion is now confirmed by MS.

tuhme karo, //
svāmini sarvvathā, //
he svāmini amāra sevā, ahme (l. 3) jāvo, //
he mālini sarvvathā jāva^{o10} //

// thanā mālini mena vane //¹¹

// rāga śrī, jhuma,li, //¹²
āju mo(l. 4)ndabhadīna, halakhita cite, / prasāda pāyilo nānā, ghara ave jāyete, // <Song 56>

// koṇa bhāsā //
ahe bhāyi mindi (l. 5) svāminī, amāke, nānā prasāda dile, ahme, ghara jāvo, //
he vṛndai ahme satvala jāvo, //

// thanā (l. 6) vidyā palikṣapana dumkāya, //¹³
// thanā kumāra, parikṣapana pimkāya, //¹⁴
// mālini davaraṇa vane, //¹⁵
// ahe kumāra, dhane2 tumi, vidyā kumāri amāke, aneka prasāda dile, he kumāra suno, //
mālini kaho, //

(Fol. 29rec, l. 1)

rāga vibhāsa, aṣṭālā, //
prathama jauvani vidyā, phula tanu dehā, / dekhiyā tāhāra rūpa, muni jana mohā, //
candra va(l. 2)dani vidyā, trailokya-sundarī, / vadana mohita hailo, rājakumārī, // <Song 57a>

// me bhāsā, //
he kumāra, āra vacana eka suno (l. 3) //
mālini kaho, //

¹⁰ A small circle upon the right of *va*. Its function is not clear.

¹¹ Nw. "Here, the flower woman goes in the accompaniment of the song."

¹² I.e. Jhumari. Jhumrā Tāl in Hindustānī music. Besides, Jhumur is a popular genre of folk-music in Bengal.

¹³ Nw. "Here, [they = the stagehands] take Vidyā into the side of the stage."

¹⁴ Nw. "Here, [they] take Prince out of the side of the stage." That means, Vidyā is replaced by Prince Sundara.

¹⁵ Nw. "The flower woman goes through the stage." Nw. *davara-ṇa* is here obviously not an ablative but instrumental (in the meaning of locative), for she proceeds to meet Prince Sundara who has just come into the stage. Perhaps, the flower woman has been ambulating on the stage, until she at last meets Sundara.

// vaidesi kumāra hero, sunahu vacane, / vidyāra jivana rākho, diyā darasane, // <Song 57b>

<Remarks>

MS songs 57a and 57b, which seem to build the sequence of one song, do not have a corresponding song in B 276/16. <End of remarks>

(l. 4) he sundara, tuhme darasana diyā, vidyāra prāṇa rakṣā karo, vidyā kumāri, tumāla nimitte, amāke,
(l. 5) aneka, mānya prasāda dilo, //
he mālini bhara¹⁶ kahile, //

// he mālini rātri samaya hailo, nā(l. 6)nā puṣpera sajyā karo, sayana karivo, //
kumāra sarvvathā, //

// he kumāra nānā puṣpera sajyā racilo, sayana (l. 7) karite, āyeso, //
mālini sarvvathā, //
// thanā deñā, //¹⁷

// he vṛndai mālini nidrā gelo vā, na gelo vā (Fol. 29ver, l. 1) ahme vujhivo, //¹⁸
he mālini2 //
ke dākile, 2 //
he vṛndai mālini, nidrā nā gelo, ekhane, parameśvarīra mantre (l. 2) māli[ni]¹⁹ke, nidrā karāyivo,
he mālini2 //
he vṛndai, mālini nidrā gelo, eşane, kālikāra pūjā ārambha ka(l. 3)rivo, //
// thanā kālikā pūjā ārambha //

// rāga pahaḍiyā, // thakatālā, //
na suni lailo vara (l. 4) suni ki chāpā, na sunire pamkṣi catura rāya, /
hena samaya sumari sundara devi śivā[ya]²⁰ bhavāṇī, // <Song 58a>

¹⁶ I.e. *bhala*, i.e. Beng. *bhāla*.

¹⁷ Nw. “Here, [he/the two] slept.”

¹⁸ From this statement, it is suggested that the pair of buffoon Mindi and Vṛndai function as a kind of narrator who intermediates between the audience and the fictitious incident on the stage. They keep a certain distance from the incidents of the drama, but at the same time they can intermingle with (i.e. speak by proxy for) the characters of the play. Thus, they facilitate the audience to gain access to the imaginary world.

¹⁹ The addition of *ni* is indicated in the upper margin.

²⁰ The addition of *ya* is indicated in the upper margin.

// (l. 5) he vṛṇdai ekhane, śarira pavitra karivo, //

// hāthe to śṛmgāra laiyā, sumḍara, pāyayā khāniyā, sure ma²¹(l. 6)ri jala dile sile, /
rātri vasana sakala tejiyā, vasilo paduma āsane, // <Song 58b>

// he vṛṇdai, yi sava vastra teji(l. 7)yā, padmāsane vaisiyā, devi ārādhana karivo, //

// sapta ākṣara devīro mantra, kumāra kalikālo (Fol. 30rec, l.1) japanē, /
svargga chādiyā, martte lamvīyā, devi śivāya bhavāṇī, // <Song 58c>

<Remarks>

MS songs 58a – 58c seem altogether to belong to one sequence of song, although not found in B 276/16. Besides, Sundara's meditation on Goddess Kālikā-Lambā and subsequently being blessed with her boon is mentioned in B 276/16 song 44 [Kitada 2019a: 25]. Therefore, in the source text, MS songs 58a – 58b must have been situated just before B 276/16 song 44. <End of remarks>

// he bhāyi mindi, ame parameśvarika²² mantra, jā(l. 2)pa kariyā, ethā thākivo, //

// thanā mālini kumāra parikṣapana dumkāya, //²³

// thanā kālikā praveśa, //

rāga [gai]²⁴lā²⁵ mālava, jati, //

kālikā caraṇe sundara, dhiyā hiyā mane, / āpana lāmvikā devī, marata vāhane (l. 3) //²⁶

lāvilā²⁷ devi go vikāta darasana, māthāye mukutāro kesa, /²⁸

²¹ Or, sa? *Sari-jala* i.e. Skt. *sarit-jala*?

²² -ka seems to be the genitive postposition.

²³ Nw. "Here [they (i.e. the stagehands)] take the flower woman and Prince into the side of the stage."

²⁴ The addition of *gai* is indicated in the upper margin.

²⁵ Presumably, mistake for *gaura* (i.e. Beng. *gaura*). In MS song 61a (Fol. 30ver, l. 2), the same rāga-name is spelled *gaiūḍā mālava*, i.e. Mālava à la mode de Gaura.

²⁶ Lambā is an epithet either of Durgā or Lakṣmī. In the context here, it is Kālī (i.e. Durgā). MS *marata* (B 276/16 *malāla*) seems to be a corruption of Skt. *marāla* "a swan, flamingo, goose".

²⁷ Corruption of **lambikā*?

²⁸ In MS, the goddess is described as having a dreadful appearance, and the hair [decorated with] pearls (or, a circle of pearls). However, in B 276/16, she is described as having dreadful/large fangs (*vikāta-daśana*) and the hair decorated with a crown (*mukuta*) made of dreadful fangs. From the grammatical point of view, MS *māthāye mukutāro kesa* lit. "on the head, the hair of pearls" gives a slightly awkward impression. Thus, the B 276/16 version might be nearer to the source text.

kehne putā sumariro, chādilo āpunā(l. 5)lo desa, //²⁹ <Song 59>³⁰

// ahe bhāyi mindi amāra putra guṇasāra, amāke, sumarṇṇā³¹ kailo,
tāke vara dite, ahme (l. 6) jāvo, //³²

// rāga kahnala, ekatāli, //
guṇasāra putra morā, amāke dhyāyilo, / satvala jāyivo āhme, tā(l. 7)ke vara dite, // <Song 60>

// ahe bhāyi mindi, amāra guṇasāra putrake, vara dite jāvo, //
ahe bhāyi mindi, ahme sa(Fol. 30ver, l. 1)tvala jāvo, //

// thanā kumāla palikṣapana piṅkāye, //³³
// kālikā thanā davalana vava, //³⁴
he putā amāke ki ni(l. 2)[mi]³⁵tye, dhyāyilo he putā suno, //
mātā āgyā hovu, //

rāga gaüḍā mālava, jati, //³⁶
māgo putā nṛpati sundara, je va(l. 3)ra pada³⁷ tvara mane, /
kavana pañdita jinive putā, ki vā svargga-puri jāya, // <Song 61a>

// he putā, ki nimitya, a(l. 4)māke cintile, svargga jāyavo vā, kavano pañdita, jinite vā,
tā amāke kaho, //
// ahe mātā, amā(l. 5)ra vacana, eka avadhāna ho, //
he putā kaho, //

²⁹ The goddess speaks to Sundara: “Why do you, oh my son, recall me, having abandoned your homeland?”

³⁰ MS song 59 corresponds to the first few verses of B 276/16 song 44 (*śrī rāga, jati*) [Kitada 2019a: 25].

³¹ I.e. *smarana*.

³² Buffoon Vṛṇḍai, speaking to Mindi, recaptures and translates Goddess’s words.

³³ Nw. “Here [they (i.e. the stagehands)] take Prince out of the side of the stage.”

³⁴ Nw. “Here, Goddess Kālī has come through the stage.” Goddess has already entered the stage (Fol. 30rec, l. 2 *praveśa*). Nw. *davala-na* should mean something like “through the stage”. Indeed, Hans Jørgensen in his classical Newari grammar mentions the use of instrumental case as *prosecutives* [1941: p. 26, §30b]. E.g. *meba-gū lanam̄ boñāva* “leading him another way” [ibid.].

³⁵ I added *mi*.

³⁶ The name of rāga, “Mālava à la bengalaise” might be associated with the Bengali origin of this play.

³⁷ B 276/16 *pade* (i.e. Beng. *parē*).

// na māgo dhana-vara, āgo mā, nānā ratna morā ghare (l. 6) /
ethā haite sulumga phutiyā, tathā vidyāro ghare, //³⁸ <Song 61b>

he mātā, tumāra prasāda-te, antakāla³⁹ madhye, ami svargga jāvo (l. 7) ekhane, yathā haite, sulumga
haiyā, vidyāra palamki parjyante⁴⁰, ehi vara prasanna hovu, //
ahe putā, je tuhme kahile, se (Fol. 31rec, l.1) sava, ahme kaile, he putā, tāhi va[ra]⁴¹ tumā-ke dilo,
tumāra kārjye siddhi ho, he putā, āmi svargga jāvo, //
[thanā pūjā]⁴²

// he mātā tuhme (l. 2) vijayi ho, amāra, namaskāra, //
// tāhe vara divo putā, ethiyāna⁴³ karivo āne, /
cakṣu milite sundara thākilo, (l. 3) devī gelo nija sthāne, // <Song 61c>

// thanā kālikā vāñā, //⁴⁴

<Remarks>

MS song 59 (*gailā mālava, jati*) and songs 61a – 61c (*gaudā mālava, jati*) altogether correspond to B 276/16 song 44 (*śrī rāga, jati*) [Kitada 2019a: 25]. That means, one song was split into two. In fact, both songs, MS song 59 and MS song 61abc, have the same rāga-tāla prescription. On the other hand, B 276/16 song 44 is on another rāga (*śrī-rāga*), although on the same *tāla jati*.

As to MS song 60 which is inserted between these two split parts, I doubt that it is a verse quoted from the source text. It gives an impression of patchwork of expressions borrowed from other verses (*guṇasāra*⁴⁵ putra morā, amāke dhyāyilo, satvala jāyivo āhme, tāke vara dite). Particularly, *satvala jāvo āhme* is a stereotype phrase uttered by the characters on the stage. Therefore, this song-verse could be a secondary invention composed by the playwright (probably the one in the court of Bhaktapur) who redacted the source text. <End of remarks>

³⁸ Boring a tunnel from here upto Vidyā's house.

³⁹ I.e. *antakāra* “death”. Perhaps it is a word play with *andhakāra*: “I will attain the heavens amid death/darkness.” The association of darkness would also suit to the situation of Prince’s passing through an underground way to Princess’ room.

⁴⁰ I.e. *paryante*.

⁴¹ I added *ra*, according to the following verse.

⁴² Indicated as addition in the upper margin.

⁴³ B 276/16 *ithiyana* < Skt. *istri-jana*.

⁴⁴ Nw. “Here, Kālī has gone.” The lengthening of the vowel *a* in *vāñā* is a typical feature of the Bhaktapur dialect of Newari.

⁴⁵ King Guṇasāra, the father of Sundara, is mentioned in the śloka following MS song 20 (Fol. 10rec, ll. 5f).

ahe bhāyi mindi, kālikāla prasāda-te, yathā sulumga (l. 4) hailo, //

// rāga gaudā mālava, jati //

malinilo ghara haite, kālikāra vare, / sulumga phutiyā vidyāro, (l. 5) palamkilo tale //⁴⁶ <Song 62a>

// he vṛndai, ame sighre jāvo, //

he vṛndai, ame satvara jāvo, //

// thanā vi(l. 6)dyā palikṣapana pimkāyā, //⁴⁷ deñāva cone, //⁴⁸

// kumāra mena vava, //⁴⁹

// māliniro ghara haite, //⁵⁰

// kona2 (l. 7) he vṛndai mālinirar ghara haite vidyāra, palamki parjanta sulumga hailo, //

he vṛndai, ahme sulumga praveśa⁵¹, a(Fol. 31ver, l. 1)me, ekhane jātrā karivo, //⁵²

// arddha sulumga hoyiyā sundara, catura diga cāhe, / vidyāro sakala sakhi, suyā (l. 2) nigrā jāya, //⁵³

<Song 62b>

// ahe bhāyi mindi, ekhane ahme surumga tejivo //

// tejilo sundara-vara, dutiya madane / dekhi(l. 3)yā dharālo vidyā, hailo acetane, //⁵⁴ <Song 62c>

he vṛndai, dekho2 amāke dekhiyā, vidyā acatana hailo //

vidaga(l. 4)dha kumāre, bhṛngāra⁵⁵ laiyā hāthe, / cetana karāyā, jala diyā mukhe sāthe, // <Song 62d>

he vṛndai, hame bhṛngāra niyā (l. 5) jala diyā, vidyāke, cetana karivo, //

⁴⁶ Through the benevolence of Goddess Kālikā, [Prince Sundara] dug an underground passage (*sulumga*) from the flower woman's house up to the floor under Vidyā's bed.

⁴⁷ Nw. "Here, after having taken Vidyā out of the side of the stage."

⁴⁸ Nw. "[She] is sleeping."

⁴⁹ Nw. "Prince has come in the accompaniment of the song."

⁵⁰ Abbreviation of MS song 62a.

⁵¹ Cf. B 276/16 song 45, verse 2: *sulumga bhitare kumara kailo praveśe* [Kitada 2019a: 26].

⁵² The two buffoons speak by proxy for Sundara' soliloquy.

⁵³ Only the second verse-half is found in B 276/16 song 45, verse 3.

⁵⁴ Corresponding to B 276/16 song 45, verse 4, and also to the verse in its addition [Kitada 2019a: 26].

⁵⁵ Skt. *bhṛngāra* "a (golden) vase or pitcher".

// rāja⁵⁶ pāyā sundari vaisiyā āda⁵⁷ haiyā, / palamki vasiyā ku(l. 6)māra, isito hāsiyā // <Song 62c>

<Remarks>

MS songs 62a – 62d altogether correspond to B 276/16 song 45 (*gauḍā mālava, jati*) [Kitada 2019a: 26]. The rāga-tāla prescription is the same. Besides, the previous sequence of songs (MS songs 59 and 61abc) has also the same prescription. This might suggest that all these songs (59, 61abc and 62abcd) formed one song (or sequence) in the source text.

On the other hand, the equivalent of B 276/16 song 45, verse 2 and 3, which is expected to be found between MS song 62a and 62b, is lacking. The redactor of the MS version seems to have omitted this part. For information, I quote this part: ā, sapata ghaṭi⁵⁸ rajani hayilo avašeśe 2, sulumga bhitare kumara kailo paraveśe 2 / ā, caliro sundara vara sulumga vahiyā 2 vidyāro palamki tale mililānti gelā 2 / ā, unapāti ulati⁵⁹ coraro mana bhāye. [Kitada 2019a: 26] <End of remark>

ekhane hame, palamki madhye thākivo, //

// śloka //

aho kim idam ārccarjyam⁶⁰ cau(l. 7)ro śaunir⁶¹ upadrava, /
sayanāsanam ārudhah⁶² nilākeli-parāyanah⁶³ //

// he caula suno, //
vidyā kaho, //

// (Fol. 32rec, l. 1)

rāga pahaḍiyā, thakatāla, //
kāhā-ke kahivo rasa, kehne patiyāya, / gṛhini kariyā cora, sukhe vaisi rahe, //
ja(l. 2)di vā jāgiro morā, sava sakhi-jane, / tave kathā jāvo āju, corelo bhāvane, // <Song 63a>

ahe cora tume vada⁶⁴ nirlaja su(l. 3)no, //

⁵⁶ B 276/16 *lāja*.

⁵⁷ B 276/16 *ānanda*.

⁵⁸ I.e. the seventh bell (*ghaṭi*) in the night.

⁵⁹ I.e. *ulāta-* “to turn over, to turn around”

⁶⁰ I.e. *āścaryam*.

⁶¹ Obscure. Perhaps related to Skt. *śaunika* “a butcher”?

⁶² I.e. *ārūdhah*.

⁶³ I.e. *palāyana*.

⁶⁴ I.e. Beng. *bara*.

kahilo nilāja cola, āyelo vāsāhare, / palamki vaisiyā cola, kata lilā kare, //⁶⁵ <Song 63b>

ahe co(l. 4)la, jave amāra sakhi sakala, jāge, tave kathā jāvo//

<Remarks>

MS song 63ab corresponds to B 276/16 song 46 [Kitada 2019a: 27]. The rāga-tāla prescription is the same. <End of remark>

ahe vi[dyā]⁶⁶ amāra vacana, eka suno, //
cola kaho, // (l. 5)

// rāga vibhāsa, palatāli, //
āchili to karmma phala, hoyise⁶⁷ rājāro kula, kalā kuśalini kama(l. 6)lini, /
je kichu padhilo guṇa, tāhāro pāyilo cihna, kula-vadhu hoyā nirajini⁶⁸, // <Song 64a>

// he vidyā, tume kulavadhu (l. 7) hailo, //
// he cora suno, //
vidyā kaho, //

// colite⁶⁹ na vāsa lāja, dekho ta samsāra mājha, kulini akuli ja(Fol. 32ver, l. 1)thā vaise, /
amāke kahiyā kāja, ke kare cola-ke lāja, vola2 ethāyi visese, // <Song 64b>

ahe cola, tumāra rajyā nahi (l. 2) //
// he vidyā suno, //
cola kaho, //

// cola-ke nā kari rāja⁷⁰, yihā tva alapa kāja eka kathā puchomo tumāke, /
ya(l. 3)ta vaḍa viparitī, cola dekhi nāri cita,⁷¹ mājhā⁷² kehne ya kāma-sāgare, // <Song 64c>

⁶⁵ How many amorous plays does the thief make.

⁶⁶ The addition of *dyā* is indicated in the lower margin (seemingly by a different handwriting).

⁶⁷ B 276/16 *harise*.

⁶⁸ Beng. *nilajinī* “shameless woman” [Sen 1971: 503], or *niranjinī*?

⁶⁹ Or, *volite*? B 276/16 has *ā he cora volite na vāsa rāja*.

⁷⁰ I.e. *lāja*.

⁷¹ MS *vada* = Beng. *barā*. “This is a serious perversion/offense. I can't be a thief.”

⁷² B 276/16 has Beng. *maja-* “to go down under water, to be drowned” < Skt. *majja-*. [Kitada 2019a: 28]

he cora suno // vidyā ka(l. 4)ho, //

// cola dekhiyā pāyā bhaya, je nāri mohita haya, camcalā volivo tā kehne, /
prāṇa laiyā jāha du(l. 5)ra⁷³, hoyive bhāvana⁷⁴ cura, jāgivo sakala sakhi jane, // <Song 64d>

ahe cola, java dhari amāra samasta sakhi (l. 6) nahi jāgile,
tava dhari, tumāra prāṇa laiyā parāyā jāva, //⁷⁵
he vidyā suno, // cola kaho, //

// narapati guṇa(l. 6)sāra, tāhāra kumāra āhme,⁷⁶ na hayi cora jāniha āpune, /
suniyā rāja-ta vaise, vidyā puruṣavidusi, (Fol. 33rec, l. 1) āgamane tathiro kārane //⁷⁷ <Song 64e>

ahe vidyā, tume aneka sāstra padhile⁷⁸, saṃkata na kathā, kemane na jāno, //
ahe ku(l. 2)māra suno, // vidyā kaho, //

// hailā diga-vijaya, volā eka amāke kaha, jakhane je puchivo uttare, /
tā(l. 3)ro patyuttara deho, vādhāvo vividha nehā, gupata karivo svayamvare, //⁷⁹ <Song 64f>

<Remarks>

MS songs 64abcdef altogether correspond to B 276/16 song 47 [Kitada 2019a: 30]. In B 276/16 song 47, the space for the rāga-tāla prescription is left empty. <End of remarks>

ahe kumāra, jakhane je (l. 4) ame puchivo, tāra uttara deho, gupata svayamvara karivo, //
ahe vidyā sarvvathā pucho, //
// (l. 5) he kumāla suno // vidyā kaho //

⁷³ B 276/16 *palā dura*, i.e. Beng. **palā dūra* “Flee far away!”

⁷⁴ “Suspicion (of theft)”

⁷⁵ “Flee away, saving your life, before my maids get awake.” *Java dhari* ... *tava dhari* “so long as ...” Peculiarly, *parāya jāva* is conforming to B 276/16 *palā dura*. Perhaps, the scribe altered *palā dura* of his source-text into more explicit *jāva dura*, because he found the form *palā* so terse that readers might misunderstand it in other meanings.

⁷⁶ “I am the son of King Guṇasāra.”

⁷⁷ “I have heard: in this kingdom [is] Princess Vidyā, a savant [equal to] men; I came here for that reason.”

⁷⁸ Reminiscent of B 276/16 song 37, verse 1–2 (which is not contained in MS): *kena se sundari vidyā puruṣaviduśi // padhireka nānā śāstra, hayili vidagadhā /*. [Kitada 2019a: 21]

⁷⁹ Corresponding B 276/16 song 47 (the last verse). [Kitada 2019a: 30] The four verses before this verse of B 276/16 are omitted in MS.

// rāga gumjali, jati, //

jaya2 mayurero nāda vidyā, su(l. 6)niyā prarvvate, / tatakṣaṇa lāgilo, kumāra jīgāsite⁸⁰ // <Song 65a>

// he kumāra, suno, // vidyā kaho, //

// ki vo kari (l. 7) uthiro, parama sāvadhāne, / kaṭākṣa nirichilo⁸¹ kumāre suvadane, // <Song 65b>

// he sundara, o ki ḍākite, (Fol. 33ver, l. 1) āche kaho, //

// he vidyā suno, //

śloka //

go-madhya-madhya-mṛga-godhare he, sahasra-go-bhukhana-kīṃkarāṇām, /
nādena (l. 2) go-bhṛtya-siṣare-sumarttā, nr̥tyanti gokarṇṇa-sarira-bhakṣā, //

he vidyā, sira srim̥ga madhye, mayura ḍākite ā(l. 3)che, //

he kumāra suno, // vidyā kaho //

// kumāra ke prasane, sarasvati mahā-māye, / tailokya prame(l. 4)va, jihvālo agra dhāve⁸², //

<Song 65c>

he kumāra, dhane2 //

dhane se rājāro kula, dhanya rājadhani, / dhanya hu me(l. 5)dani⁸³ dhani, kumāra janani, //

<Song 65d>

ahe kumāra, dhanya2 tume, dhanya tumāra pitā, dhanya tumāra mātā, dhanya (l. 6) tumāra deśa, //

// e vola suniyā vidyā, tini pradakhine, prabhu voli pranāma kayilo tatakhane, // <Song 65e>

ahe su(l. 7)ndara amāra vada⁸⁴ bhāge⁸⁵, he sundara suno, //

⁸⁰ “Immediately, Prince started to ask questions.”

⁸¹ <*nirīkṣ-*

⁸² It should be **dhāye*, according to the rhyme.

⁸³ I.e. Goddess Earth

⁸⁴ I.e. Beng. *bara*.

⁸⁵ I.e. *bhāgya*.

// madhuka phulelo mālā, laiyā duya hāthe, / tatakṣaṇe dilo (Fol. 34rec, l. 1) vidyā kumārero māthe, //

<Song 65f>

he kumāra, āgi haite tume, amāla prabhu hailo, //
he prāṇeśvara suno, //
he prāṇe(l.2)svarī kaho, //

// vidigadhi vidagadhe⁸⁶, vada punya pāyi, / sundarī bhajiro vidyā, gandharvva vivāhe,⁸⁷ //

<Song 65g>

<Remarks>

MS songs 65a – 65g correspond to B 276/16 song 48 (*māngula*⁸⁸ *guñjari, eka*) [Kitada 2019a: 30–31]. The rāga-tāla prescription is the same. <End of remarks>

he vidyā e(l. 3)thā khaneka viśrāma karivo,
he prāṇesvara je āgyā, //

// he prāṇeśvarī, tumāra rūpa jauvana (l. 4) dekhiyā, amāra citta vyākula hailo,
he prāṇeśvari suno, //
he prāṇeśvara kaho, //

// rāga ko(l. 5)rāva, pañcatāla rūpaka, //
padhiyā vidyā vidusi, saṃsāra mājhe rūpasi, / torā rūpa dekhiyā rāja⁸⁹ (l. 6) kalamkita sasi, //
vicā⁹⁰ madana tamtre⁹¹, surati deho sujantre, / torā duyi kumca, morā duyi kare, āmantre, //

<Song 66a>

he (l. 7) prāṇeśvarī, amāke surati sriṅgāra deho, //
// he prāṇeśvari suno, //
prāṇeśvara kaho, //

⁸⁶ Or, maybe the scribe cancelled the *e-kāra*. In that case, it would be *vidagadha*.

⁸⁷ *Sundarī* as epithet of Vidyā is awkward. The corresponding verse-half in B 276/16 is: *kuhmala bhajiyā gandharvva vivāhe*. Probably, the MS version was originally: **sundara bhajiro vidyā gandharvva vivāhe* “Sundara enjoyed (i.e. had intercourse with) Vidyā.”

⁸⁸ Seemingly, corruption of *māngala*.

⁸⁹ B 276/16 *läje*.

⁹⁰ B 276/16 *vicāra*.

⁹¹ I.e. Kāmasūtra

su[ra]⁹²ti sukha samājhe, (Fol. 34ver, l. 1) vidyā vinode prāṇa harite nahi lāje //
vidyā tora mohana lalāte, dekhiyā su[ra]⁹³ muni phāte, / torā rūpa de(l. 2)khi citta padī⁹⁴ gelo tāte, //

<Song 66b>

he priye suno, //
prāṇeśvara kahivā ho, //

madana vinoda khāte, vaisiyā vāma urū (l. 3) pāte,⁹⁵ / āju tumāke lailo mora, su-kandarpa rāṭe, //

<Song 66c>

<Remarks>

MS songs 66a – 66c correspond to B 276/16 song 49 (*kvaḍā, vādhā dvajamāna*) [Kitada 2019a: 31].
The rāga is the same, but the tāla is different. <End of remarks>

ahe vidyā, tumāra rūpa dekhiyā, devatā pa(l. 4)rjjyanta mohaya, āra ki kahivo, //
ahe prāṇeśvara, amāra vinati eka avadhāna ho, //
he prāṇe(l. 5)svarī kaho, //

// rāga korāva, palatāli, //
sukara⁹⁶ vastra ahme parite na jāno, vādhite ṇa jāṇo (l. 6) keṇa, /
guhye rājā surati māgara⁹⁷, hama dhani alapa vayisa, //dhru//⁹⁸
rājā mo pari rati na jāno, cale dharive (l. 7) to dhara, /
kara jodi kari mo parihāro, jāniyā je sukha kara, //
tumāra dhanya nāri bhamḍāri, rākhihā⁹⁹ ka(Fol. 35rec, l. 1)ri havaya, /
kācavābhā¹⁰⁰ guṇa dhāya, se kata joḍa sahe // <Song 67>

he prāṇeśvara, amāra nautana jauvana, ahme surati srimgāra na (l. 2) jāno, //
he prāṇeśvarī, hamāra vacana, eka suno, //

⁹² The addition of *ra* is indicated in the lower margin.

⁹³ The addition of *ra* is indicated in the upper margin.

⁹⁴ = Beng. *parī*

⁹⁵ MS *khāte* = Beng. *khāṭe*. For MS *urū pāte*, B 276/16 has *ura pāte*.

⁹⁶ I.e. *sukla*

⁹⁷ I.e. Beng. *māgila*

⁹⁸ The abbreviation *dhru* of *dhruvapada* occurs for the first time in the MS. Namely, from here onward, the style seems to be altered, in that songs have a *dhruvapada* verse.

⁹⁹ This letter, stained, is difficult to identify.

¹⁰⁰ Or, *sāṭ*?

prāṇeśvara kahivā ho, //

// rāga vibhāsa, do māna, //
ala[khi]¹⁰¹(l. 3)ta pavaṇa, cī¹⁰²ra udāsa, kuca kichu vegata¹⁰³ bhelā, /
rocana āḍha āḍha nahi purala, vidyā añcale vam̄cīte (l. 4) bhelā, //dhru//
he sundari re, e torā kavana vevahāra rare, /
hama padeśi¹⁰⁴, māri kiya sādhavi, tila e(l. 5)ka pala ti nehāra, // <Song 68a>

he sundari suno, //
prāṇeśvara kaho, //

āḍha vayāna, kuca teri ādhā rocana (l. 6) lilā, /
ādhā āḍha samkata pariyāvala, sampūrnate ki hoyita hamāre, //dhru//¹⁰⁵ <Song 68b>

ahe prāṇeśvarī, amāke suhṛ(l. 7)ṣṭi hi dekho, //
he prāṇeśvara amāra vacana, eka avadhāna ho, //
prāṇeśvarī kaho, //

// rāga śrī, gaṇḍala e(Fol. 35ver, l. 1)katāli, //
kuca juga dite hātha, na diha naksaro ghāta¹⁰⁶, sakhi te vegata jāni haya, he, prāṇeśvara, //
karīte a(l. 2)dhara pāna, daśana pāyilo cihna, / thuyā moke rati māyā mohe, // <Song 69a>

// me bhāsā //
he prāṇeśvara āra eka vacana (l. 3) suno, //dhru//
manohara nidhuvana¹⁰⁷, karaha keliyā prāṇa, / gupata pirati kehu¹⁰⁸ jāne, // <Song 69b>

he prāṇe(l. 4)svara amāke dayā karo, //

¹⁰¹ Being stained, difficult to identify.

¹⁰² Or, vī?

¹⁰³ < Skt. *vyakta*

¹⁰⁴ I.e. *paradeśi*

¹⁰⁵ The forms like *pariyāvala*, *hoyita* are perhaps Maithili. In the previous songs, *māgara* (*māgala*), *bhelā* may be Maithili, too.

¹⁰⁶ I.e. *nakha-kṣata*

¹⁰⁷ Skt. *nidhuvana* “shaking” “coitus”

¹⁰⁸ The letter *hu* resembles the ligature *hna*. In fact, B 276/16 has *kehna*.

kapola jugala citra, mrgamada gandha-prata¹⁰⁹, / lopa jeni jāya cūmva dāne,¹¹⁰ (l. 5) //
nividhita deho kāci, vājivo kanaka kāci¹¹¹, / jāgivo sakala sakhi-jane, //
gāthite mukuta(l. 6)mani, sārthaśarithita¹¹² jāyi, / saghana nividha¹¹³ alimgane, //¹¹⁴ <Song 69c>

he prāṇeśvara, jemane sakhi loka na jāne, temane (l. 7) hupta karo, //

<Remarks>

MS songs 69abc correspond to B 276/16 song 50 (*śrī rāga, gaṇḍala eka*) [Kitada 2019a: 31–32]. The rāga and tāla are the same. <End of remarks>

ahe prāṇeśvara suno, // he vidyā kaho, //

// rāga mallāla, ekatāli, //
nātha re, ive nava u(Fol. 36rec, l. 1)gala jauvana, / kāca kanaka phala, vadali samāne, //
suno nātha vin·ti¹¹⁵ hamāre, / sahaja bhumjahu rati, ahme nātha (l. 2) avalā, // <Song 70a>

he prāṇeśvara, amāra ati komala śarira, amāke kṛpā karo, //
prāṇeśvara suno, // prāṇeśvarī (l. 3) kaho, //

lahu2 pāliha tule, / du¹¹⁶lambha bhāgiyā re melana nahi mūle, //
mana kichu na kara vicāre, / (l. 4) arapa hi apajaśa, hoyita¹¹⁷ saṃsāre, // <Song 70b>

he vidyā hame mālinike jāvo, sighre āsive, amāke ā(l. 5)limgana deho, //
he prāṇeśvara amāra vacana eka suno, //
ahe priya kaho, //

¹⁰⁹ I.e. Skt. *gaṇḍa-patra*, the design of a leaf/leaves drawn on the cheeks (with the paste of musk in this case).

¹¹⁰ “His kissing will be known (*jeni* = **jani*) through the loss (*lopa*) of the designs on your cheeks.”
¹¹¹ Skt. *kāñci* “belt”.

¹¹² Or, what looks like the *r* sign of *rtha* might be a mistake for *i-kāra*. In that case, it would be **sātha śirithita*. *Śarithita* or *śirithita* seems to be a corruption of Skt. *ślathita*. “untied, loosened”. Otherwise, what looks like the *r* sign is actually the variant of the *ā-kāra*. In that case, it would be **sāthā śarittha*.

¹¹³ B 276/16 has *niviḍa*.

¹¹⁴ Here, the picture seems to be that the thread of pearls, rubbed through the couple’s tight embrace, gets broken.

¹¹⁵ I.e. *vinati*. The *na*-letter is accompanied by the *virāma*.

¹¹⁶ This letter is obscure. The word seems to be an NIA alteration of Skt. *durlabha*.

¹¹⁷ Or, *ga*?

// rāga śrī, paratāli (l. 6) //

āyili vaśanta ritu, madana jhamkhāya ritu, / juvati jīvana vāhe, manda kokila śare¹¹⁸, //dhru//

<Song 71a>

he parāṇa (l. 7) re [nidāruna re]¹¹⁹, janu jāsi māriyā moke, //

he prāṇeśvara, tume vaḍa nirddaya, suno, //

he vidyā kaho, //

tuhme to vihuna ta(Fol. 36ver, l. 1)nu¹²⁰, prabhu re nidayā kuśuma-dhanu, /

dekhiyā kuśuma jata vairi hoyilo āya¹²¹svatata, // <Song 71b>

he prāṇeśvara, aisena vaśa(l. 2)nta kāla madhye, ame chādite jogya nahi, //

he vidyā amāke ālimgaṇa deho, hame sidhre āyesive¹²², cintā (l. 3) nā karo, //

ahe prāṇeśvara, e ālimgaṇa, vaṇḍhaka thāko, jakhane tume āyesive, takhane ālim(l. 4)gaṇa divo, //

he vidyā sarvvathā, //

// thanā kumāra māriniyāke davarana vāñā, //¹²³

[vidyā palikṣapana dumkāya]¹²⁴

// he vṛndai, mā(l. 5)lini kihā, hame sighre jāvo, //

he vṛndai, satvara jāvo, //

// thanā mālini parikṣapana piṅkāyā, //¹²⁵ (l. 6)

ahe bhāyi mindi, ame puṣpa ganthite thākivo, //

// thanā kumāra davarana vava, //¹²⁶

ahe mālini, //

ahe ku(l. 7)māra, vijayi ho, //

ahe mālini, tumāra upāya-te, hamāra karjja siddhi hailo,

¹¹⁸ I.e. *svare*

¹¹⁹ The addition is indicated just below, in the lower margin.

¹²⁰ The god of love is considered bereft of the body.

¹²¹ Or, *pa?*

¹²² This letter, being blurred, has a peculiar shape like *vve*.

¹²³ Nw. "Here, Prince goes to the flower woman, [in walking] through the stage."

¹²⁴ This addition is indicated in the lower margin. Nw. "[They (i.e. the stagehands)] take Vidyā into the side of the stage."

¹²⁵ Nw. "Here, after taking the flower woman out of the side of the stage."

¹²⁶ Nw. "Here, Prince has come through the stage."

tumāke, i amula ratna (Fol. 37rec, l. 1) leho, //
he kumāra, sarvvathā, //

// he kumāra, ethā khaneka vijayi ho, //
he mālini sarvvathā, //
he sundara, amāra (l. 2) vacana eka avadhāna ho, //
mālini kaho, //

// rāga śrī, eka tāli, //
he sundara avahu kariha, moke dayā re, (l. 3) / toha vinu dina rātri, eko nahi more, // <Song 72>

// ahe mālini, ame vidyā kihā jāvo, āra eka, (l. 4) vāra tumāra thāva, āsive, //
he kumāra sarvvathā āyeso, //
// thanā kumāra davarana vāñā, //¹²⁷
// (l. 5) mālini palikṣapana dumkāya, //¹²⁸
// thanā vidyā parikṣapana pimkāya, //¹²⁹
// ahe hārāvatī, (l. 6) mālāvatī, prāṇanātha kehne na āyesile, //
he svāmini, sarvvathā āsive, //

// rāga śrī, paṁca¹³⁰ tāra rūpaka, //
nava mana saṁbhava, se rāja saṁbhave, jehne dekhilo āpane, /
moke adhika chilo, kata kamalini, se divo tā(Fol. 37ver, l. 1)ra varane sakhi go, //
āji rajani-ta, se nātha sahitā, bhumjiro surati sukhe /
jāte ālimgana na dilo nātha(l. 2)ke, se sāra thākiro vuke, sakhi go, // <Song 73a>

hari2 he sakhi, ekhane ki vuddhi ki upāya karivo, //
he svāmini dhi(l. 3)rjja karo, //
he sakhi suno, //

ki vudhi karivo āpane, pāyalo māhānidhi, vidhi nijojita, /
nātha (l. 4) herāyalo ekhane, sakhi go, // <Song 73b>

¹²⁷ Nw. "Here, Prince has gone, [in passing] through the stage."

¹²⁸ Nw. "[They (i.e. the stagehands)] take the flower woman into the side of the stage."

¹²⁹ Nw. "Here, [they] take Vidyā out of the side of the stage."

¹³⁰ It also looks like *tra*, due to the uncleanness of the photo.

he hārāvatī mālāvatī, se prāṇanātha vinu, amāra prāṇa thira (l. 5) nahi, ki upāya karivo, //
he svāmini dhirjja karo, ava se āsive, //
he sakhi suno, //

ke cu(l. 5)ra kamkana, ratana mudari, āra sātha sari hāre, /
karṇa to kūḍala sakhi hārāvati, kādhiyā pelāvo āpane, (l. 7) sakhi go, // <Song 74b>

he hārāvati, mālāvatī, yi nānā aramkāra, abharana, i ratnakūḍala, mudrikā,
se prāṇanā(Fol. 38rec, l. 1)tha vinu ki kārjja, he sakhi, kādhiyā pelāva, //
he svāmini sarvvathā, //

caturddaśa sāstra, va[da]¹³¹na vidite, kamthe avāli (l. 2) to vāni, /
keli mahodadhi, sarvva guṇa nidhi, bhāva² vikala parāṇe, sakhi go, // <Song 74c>

<Remarks>

MS songs 74abc correspond to B 276/16 song 52 (*śrī rāga, dvajamāna*) [Kitada 2019a: 33]. The rāga is the same, but the tāla is different. <End of remarks>

he hārāvatī prāṇeśvara kehne (l. 3) na āyesile, //
he svāmini sarvvathā āsive, dhirja karo, //
he sakhi suno, //
svāmini kahivā ho, // (l. 4)

// rāga śrī, ekatāli, //
caū diga suniye, dāduri¹³² rava, / kehu na kahaye priyā, āvata mora, // (l. 5)
hame dhani dkhini so, piyā guṇa rāga, / ekali mandire nisi, pohāvelo jāga, // <Song 75a>

ahe hārāvati, (l. 6) mālāvatī, se prāṇanātha, ki nimitye na āyesile, //
he svāmini, ekhane āsive, //

divasake gyalo, (l. 7) priyā, tāhi gelo bhola¹³³, / na jāno karama mora, ki lekhile mora, // <Song 75b>

¹³¹ Indicated just above, in the upper margin.

¹³² The scribe wrote *dādurararava*, but amended the first *ra* into an *i-kāra*. B 276/16 has *caii diga suniro dāduri ro*. The croaking of frogs is a popular object in the description of nature.

¹³³ I.e. *bhora*

[he sakhi,]¹³⁴ // **tiya**¹³⁵ eka kehi gelo, juga sama (Fol. 38ver, l. 1) **bhelo**, / k[i] hailo, // <Song 75c>¹³⁶
// he svāmini dhirja karo, //

<Remarks>

The first verse of MS song 75a corresponds to B 276/16 song 53 (*śrī gāndhāra, ekatāla*) which consists of one single verse [Kitada 2019a: 34]. The rāga-tāla prescription is the same, although the rāga names are *śrī* and *śrī gāndhāra* respectively.

However, MS song 75c, consisting of a verse-half (*tiya ... bhelo*), is an anticipation of the beginning verse-half of the following MS song 76, which in its turn corresponds to B 276/16 song 54 (*vibhāsa, chutā*) [Kitada 2019a: 34].

Here, the condition of MS song 75c is peculiar: what is actually written after *bhelo*, is: / *ka hailo* (i.e. *dāṇḍa* + *ka hailo*). I amended *ka hailo* into *ki hailo*, because this *dāṇḍa* slightly looks like an *i-kāra*, whose arch-shaped stroke is almost effaced. Besides, **ki hailo* makes sense. The peculiar thing is that *ki hailo* seems not to belong to the verse, but a speech of Vidyā, to whom her companion answers: *he svāmini dhirja karo*.

It is concluded that MS songs 75a and 75b seem to have belonged to one and the same song in the source-text. <End of remarks>

// rāga vibhāsa, ekatāli //
tira eka kahi gero, juga sama bhe(l. 2)ra, / na jāna karama vidhi, ki lekhile mora, // dhru //
kehu dekhara re, kehu sunara, āvata piyā mora //
va(l. 3)huta jatane pāyelo, amula ratane, / hāthe-to mānika morā, hari nilo koṇe, //¹³⁷
kahe śrī gaṅgā de(l. 4)vi, vidyā sthitī karane, / akhane āvata torā amula ratane, // <Song 76>¹³⁸
// he hārāvati, ekhane, ethā khane(l. 5)ka viśrāma karivo, //
svāmini sarvvathā, //

// thanā kumāra davalana vava, //¹³⁹
ahe bhāyi mindi, (l. 6) velā vahuta hailo, vidyā amāke, avasya, rosa karive, //
he vṛndai, ahme satvara jāvo, //

¹³⁴ The addition is indicated just below, in the lower margin.

¹³⁵ Obviously a corruption of **tira*. Here, *ya* resembles *ra* very well. Cf. B 276/16 *tila*.

¹³⁶ MS song 75c is actually an anticipation of the next song MS song 76, as I pointed out in my remarks. However, I numbered it as “75c”, consistently following my method of numbering.

¹³⁷ “Who fetched away the jewel in (i.e. from) my hand?”

¹³⁸ This song corresponds to B 276/16 song 54 (*vibhāsa, chutā*) [Kitada 2019a: 34]. The rāga is the same, but the tāla is changed.

¹³⁹ Nw. “Here, Prince has come through the stage.”

// ahe prāneśva(l. 7)rī, 3 //

he nisthula, tumāla mukha nahi dekhiye, //

// hari2 he vidyā suno, //

// rāga gumjali, jati, //

deho (Fol. 39rec, l. 1) torā kamarelō pāse, / vidyā, bhramarelō torā pāse //

yathā jāni āyelo susu kāse¹⁴⁰, vidyā vinoda va(l. 2)dhāu cāru hāse, // <Song 77a>

// me bhāsā //

he priya kopa chādo, āra eka vacana suno, //

tira eka teracha¹⁴¹ nayāne, / (l. 3) mukha¹⁴² tori cāho lo āpane, // <Song 77b>

// me bhāsā //

he prāneśvarī, amāke dayā karo, //

he priye āra (l. 4) eka vacana suno, //

mukha tora sampurṇa sasi vase, / tave kehne amiya na varise, //

vacana pi(l. 5)yukha kara dāne, / deṣo morā samdeha jivane, // <Song 77c>

<Remarks>

MS songs 77abc correspond to B 276/16 song 55 (*gumjali, jati*) [Kitada 2019a: 34–35]. The rāga-tāla prescription is the same. <End of remarks>

he prāneśvarī, amāke sudṛṣṭi hi¹⁴³ cāho, he pri(l. 6)ye suno, //

// rāga dhanāśrī, ekatāli, //

kanaka latā tanu, sasi mukha tora, / kuca juga paratare, hema (l. 7) katora, // dhru //

parihara mālini, parihara mān:, / adhara amiyā rasa, deho madhu pān:, //¹⁴⁴

¹⁴⁰ B 276/16 has *kāche* instead of MS *kāse*. Does it perhaps indicate the dialectal pronunciation of *ch* as [s], typical to the eastern areas of Bengal?

It seems to mean: “Here (*yathā*), [it is] as if (*jāni*) I came (*āyelo*) near to the moon (*susu*, i.e. *śaśi*).”
¹⁴¹ I.e. Beng. *teracha* “askance, slanting”.

¹⁴² B 276/16 has *sukha*. In the Newari script, *sa* and *ma* are sometimes confounded.

¹⁴³ Perhaps, *hi* is the ending of the oblique case.

¹⁴⁴ In this verse, the rhyming words *mān·* and *pān·* have the *virāma*.

pīna kathina (Fol. 39ver, l. 1) kuca, mugudha mana mora, / cāṁda kirana jaise, piye e cakora re, //
<Song 78>¹⁴⁵

he prāneśvarī, amāra citta vyākula (l. 2) hailo, amāke, hāsiyā suvacana kaho, //
he nisthu[la]¹⁴⁶ suno, //
vidyā kaho, //

// rāga pāmcama, jati, // (l. 3)

kathā vaisya sasadhara, kathā kumudini, / kathā vaisya dinakara, kathā kamalini, // dhru //
tu(l. 4)me prabhu vadā¹⁴⁷ nidāruni, / tila eka nā dekhilo harāyelo parāne, //

ka dū mero tare ghane, si(l. 5)khare mayu¹⁴⁸ra, / utema-janero nehā, kavu nahi dūra¹⁴⁹, //

<Song 79>¹⁵⁰

// me bhāsā //

ahe prāneśvara, puruṣa jā(l. 6)ti, ati nisthura hailo, //
// he prāneśvarī, kopa chādiyā, nānā prakāre, surati sriṅgāra diyā, (l. 7)
amāra citta, samvodhana karo, //
he prāneśvarī suno, //

// rāga rāmakali, aṣṭālā, //

hemā pāmkaja (Fol. 40rec, l. 1) vidyā, vadana vidite, / madhū robhe bhramarelo, vyākula citte, //

<Song 80a>

// me bhāsā //

he priye, tumāke dekhiyā, amā(l. 2)la citta vyākula hailo, //

¹⁴⁵ This MS song 78 is not found in B 276/16. However, B 276/16 song 56 which consists merely of five words (*pīna kathina kuca, kanaka, katorā*) can be taken into consideration [Kitada 2019a: 35]. This B 276/16 song 56 seems to be an abbreviation of a longer verse (or, even the whole text of a song). Of the five words contained, *pīna kathina kuca* is found in the third verse of MS song 78. Meanwhile, *kanaka katorā* would correspond to *hemā katora* in the *dhruvapada* verse of MS song 78.

¹⁴⁶ I added *la*.

¹⁴⁷ Beng. *barā*

¹⁴⁸ Or, the scribe amended *yu* into *yū*.

¹⁴⁹ The picture seems to be: In monsoon, the raincloud makes sounds of thunder in distance, and peacocks lament by yearning. I.e. my beloved (*utima-jana*, i.e. *uttama-jana*) is far away, but “my affection (*nehā*) for him is never away [from my heart].”

¹⁵⁰ MS song 79 corresponds to B 276/16 song 57 (*gunjali, thakatāla*) [Kitada 2019a: 35]. Both, the rāga and tāla, are different.

// he prāṇeśvara suno, //
vidyā kaho, //

// tumāra surati sukhe, padi gelo bhole, / (l. 3) kuce-ta kālimā kaṭa, dhākivo ācale, //¹⁵¹ <Song 80b>

// he prāṇeśvara, sakhi samasta jānile, ki kalivo, //
he (l. 4) prāṇeśvarī suno, //
he prāṇeśvara kaho, //

// to laiyā saṃsāra sukha, bhujilo saṃsāre, / juga eka thāko ji(l. 5)va, jāu vā ekhane, // <Song 80c>

// ahe prāṇeśvarī, tumāra nimit, prāṇa, jāu vā laho, cintā nā karo, //
// he prā(l. 6)neśvara suno, //
he vidyā kaho, //

// yi vola suniyā vidyā, parama vedanā, / torā āge maro e morā, yi (l. 7) vaḍa vāñchanā¹⁵², //
<Song 80d>

<Remarks>

MS songs 80abcd correspond to B 276/16 song 58 (*rāmakari, athatāla*) [Kitada 2019a : 35–36]. The rāga and tāla are the same. <**End of remarks**>

// he prāṇeśvara, tumāra agra-te ahme maro, amāla vaḍa bhāge, //
// ahe prāṇeśvarī, e(Fol. 40ver, l. 1)thā khaneka viśrāma karivo, //
// thanā vidyāo kumārao, palikṣapana dumkāya //¹⁵³

// thanā sakhi nehmā da(l. 2)valana vava, //¹⁵⁴

<Two instructions indicated as addition in the margin. These seem to be inserted here, although the place of insertion is not marked.>

[?] sakhi nehmā vayāva, vidyāyāke gvāla svāna taya //¹⁵⁵

¹⁵¹ Beng. *kālimā* “blackness”. Beng. *dhāka-* “cover”.

¹⁵² “I shall die in front of you. This is my hope.”

¹⁵³ Nw. “Here, [they] take Vidyā and Prince [together] into the side of the stage.”

¹⁵⁴ Nw. “Here, two companions have come through the stage.”

¹⁵⁵ Nw. “The two companions, after having come, offer betel leaves and flowers to Vidyā.”

vidyāyā garbhāsa ākāra svayāva sakhi nehmā vāñāva silā mahādeviyāke kāna vāñā //^{156]}

<End of addition>

// ahe mālāvati, vidyāra garbha ākāra dekhiye, ki kalivo, //

// ahe hārāvati śi(l. 3)lā māhādevīke, kahite jāvo calo, //

mālāvati sarvvathā calo, //

// rāga gumjali, // ekatā(l. 4)li, //

sakhi duyi juvati bhāviyā athāntare, / vidyā-ke¹⁵⁷ mā-ke lāgi, kayilo gocare, //¹⁵⁸ <Song 81>

// koṇa bhā(l. 5)sā, //

he mālāvati, satvala jāvo calo, //

hārāvati calo, //

// he hārāvatī, sighre calo, (l. 6) //

mālāvati calo, //

// thanā silā māhādevī, palikṣapa[na]¹⁵⁹ pimkāya //¹⁶⁰

// ahe bhāyi mindi, ame, (l. 7) antaśpuri madhye thākivo, //

// thanā sakhi nehmañ davarana vava, //¹⁶¹

// ahe śilā māhādevī, a(Fol. 41rec, l. 1)māra sevā, //

he sakhi ethā āyeso, //

svā[mi]¹⁶²ni sarvvathā, //

ahe śilā māhādevī, amāra vacana, eka ava(l. 2)dhāna ho, //

sakhi kaho, //

// rāga gumjali, ekatali, //

¹⁵⁶ Nw. "Seeing Vidyā's symptoms of pregnancy (*garbhāsa ākāra* lit. "the form in the uterus/embryo"), the two companions, going (*vāñāva*), have gone to inform (*kāna*) Queen Śilā." The lengthening of the vowel ā in *ne-hmā*, *vāñāva*, *kāna*, and *vāñā* is a typical feature of the Bhaktapur dialect of Newari.

¹⁵⁷ Genitive postposition

¹⁵⁸ This verse corresponds to the third verse of B 276/16 song 60 [Kitada 2019a: 36].

¹⁵⁹ I added *na*.

¹⁶⁰ Nw. "Here, [they] take (i.e. bring) Queen Śilā out of the side of the stage."

¹⁶¹ Nw. "Here, the two companions have come through the stage."

¹⁶² I added *mi*.

śiva2 corero śṛmgāra vidyā, garbha rahiyo, / (l. 3) hārāvati mālāvati, sakhi-te akalilo¹⁶³, // <Song 82>

<Remarks>

MS songs 81 and 82 both are found in B 276/16 song 60 (*mallāla, eka*) [Kitada 2019a: 36]. The rāga and tāla are different.

It is exceptional that two separate songs of MS are found together in one song of B 276/16. The reason seems to be that the redactor inserted a shift of the scene (and related conversations) between the two songs which were originally two verses belonging to the same song. In fact, MS songs 81 and 82 have the same rāga-tāla prescription. The redactor indicated the rāga-tāla prescription to MS song 82 again, presumably because, due to the shift of the scene, it was no more clear that MS song 82 belongs to the same song as MS song 81. <End of remarks>

he śilā māhādevī, tume ki karite, āche, vi(l. 4)dyāra garbha dharile, //
// he sakhi, ki kahile2 he sakhi suno, //
// svāmini kahivā ho, //

// (l. 5) rāga śrī, paratāli, //

vuke aghātiyā se rāja-mahikhi¹⁶⁴, / sa kope āsiyā, jhi-ke vāta puchi (l. 6) // <Song 83>¹⁶⁵

// he hārāvatī, mālāvati, vidyāke dekhite jāya calo, //
svāmini vijayī ho, //
// silā, sakhi ne(l. 7)hmaṇ, davarana vane, //¹⁶⁶

// // vidyā palikṣapana piṅkāya, //¹⁶⁷

// he bhāyi mindi, ahme antaṣpuli (Fol. 41ver, l. 1) madhye thākivo, //

// silā, sakhi nehmāṇ, davarana vava, //¹⁶⁸

// he vidyā ki karite thākilo, //

// a(l. 2)he mātā, amāra sevā, ethā vijaya karo, //

// he vidyā suno, //

¹⁶³ Or, *sakhi tea kalilo*?

¹⁶⁴ I.e. *rājamahiṣī*

¹⁶⁵ Corresponding to the fourth verse of B 276/16 song 60.

¹⁶⁶ Nw. “Silā and the two companions go through the stage.”

¹⁶⁷ “They take/bring Vidyā out of the side of the stage.”

¹⁶⁸ “Silā and the two companions have come through the stage.”

he mātā kaho, //

// rāga śrī, palatā(l. 3)li, //

ki kailo² vidyā, kailo kula-nāse, / rājye² vāpa-ke, anāyelo, upahāse, //¹⁶⁹ <Song 84>

<Remarks>

MS songs 83 and 84, besides MS song 81 and 82, are again found in B 276/16 song 60 [Kitada 2019a: 36]. This time, however, the redactor of MS has adopted a new rāga and tāla: *rāga śrī* and *paratāli*.

<End of remarks>

ahe vidyā, tumi (l. 4) ki akarmma kalile, //

// ahe mātā, ki volo suno, //

vidyā kaho, //

// rāga śrī, palatāli, // (l. 5)

na vola na vola mā, se rāja-mahikhi, / sarira bhitare morā, tini loga¹⁷⁰ vaisya, // <Song 85a>

he mātā, (l. 6) amāra sarira madhye, tini roga vase, //

he mātā suno, //

// arasa¹⁷¹ nayāna duyī, milite na pāro, / (l. 7) kucero kālimā morā, jarmma¹⁷² haitya āche, //

<Song 85b>¹⁷³

ahe mātā, amāra jarmma hayitve¹⁷⁴, kucera, kālimā hairo, (Fol. 42rec, l. 1) //

// he mātā suno, //

// vāyu roge uthe hāyi, sehi to vadane, / thākite palamki sarjyā, bhumi-to loṭāyi, // <Song 85c>

¹⁶⁹ “What have you done, Vidyā, the destruction of [our] family! In [many] kingdoms, [there will be people’s] ridicule at your father for [his] thoughtlessness (*anāya*).” *Anāya* seems to be understood as *a-nāya* or *an-āya*, or is it a corruption of *a-nyāya*?

¹⁷⁰ I.e. three diseases

¹⁷¹ I.e. *alasa*

¹⁷² <*janma*. Maybe influenced by the Middle Bengali variant *jalama*.

¹⁷³ This verse correspond to the second verse of B 276/16 song 60.

¹⁷⁴ The redactor amended something into *jarmma hayitve*. *Jarmma hayitve* is the recapture from the verse. Before his amendment, he seems to have falsely written **ga rbha*, or maybe **roga* (or its Newari variant spelling **loga*). The context is that Vidyā pretends that the symptoms are not of pregnancy, but of a disease (*roga*).

// (l. 2) ahe mātā, amāra sarira madhye, anega roga vase, //
// he mātā suno, //

// udara cikana morā, pirari ro(l. 3)ga vaise, / hāthe pāu jare morā, sehi to kārane, // <Song 85d>

<Remarks>

MS song-verses 85a, 85b, 85c and 85d seem altogether to be a sequence in one and the same song of the source text. However, Only 85b corresponds to the second verse of B276/16 song 60 [Kitada 2019a: 36]. Obviously, MS song 85abcd is the continuation of the foregoing songs (MS songs 81–84).

<End of remarks>

// he mātā, amāra sarira madhye, nānā loga vaise, // (l. 4) //
// he pāpiṣṭha vidyā, tume kula naṣṭa kaile, tumāra mukha nā dekhi, ghuco, //
// thanā sīlā tama cā(l. 5)yāva, rājā kāne dhakam vāṇa, //¹⁷⁵
// davalana vāṇa, //¹⁷⁶
// vidyā palikṣapana dumkāya, //¹⁷⁷ (l. 6) //

// thanā rājā palikṣapana piṇkāya, //¹⁷⁸
// thanā sīlā davalana vava, //¹⁷⁹
// ahe prabho amāra vacana, e(l. 7)ka, avadhāna ho, //
// māhādevi kaho, //

// rāga śīrī, ekatāli, //
kāṁdiyā janāyelo giyā, nija prāna(Fol. 42ver, l. 1)nātha, / suniyā rājāye hātha, aghātiro māthāye, //
<Song. 86a>

// ahe mahārājā, vidyāra garbha dharire kula naṣṭa (l. 2) kaile, ki karivo, //

¹⁷⁵ Nw. "Here, Śīlā, getting angry, has gone to tell and inform (*kāne dhakam*) King."

¹⁷⁶ Nw. "[She] has gone through the stage."

¹⁷⁷ Nw. "[They] take Vidyā into the side of the stage." Nw. *dum kāya* literally means "to take inside". Thus, I have been interpreting this instruction as: The stagehands guide the actor of Vidyā into the *parikṣepa*, i.e. the space at the side of the stage. Perhaps, -na (instrumental case ending) *dumkāya* should be understood in the meaning like: "Vidyā takes [herself] into the *parikṣepa*."

However, the Modern Newari dictionary gives the meaning *du-kāye* as "to take in". Ex. *waita guthii du-kāla* "He was given entry into the Guthi." [Manandhar 1986: 110]. According to this, the instruction would mean that the stagehands take (receive) Vidyā into the *parikṣepa*.

¹⁷⁸ Nw. "Here, [they] take/bring King out of the side of the stage." I.e. "King is taken out of the *parikṣepa*."

¹⁷⁹ Nw. "Here, [Queen] Śīlā has come through the stage." I.e. she approaches King.

// hari² he māhādevī, suno, //

kope jā jvare¹⁸⁰ māna hailo narapāre, / hakāriyā¹⁸¹, (l. 3) āniro, nāgara koṭavāra, //¹⁸²

<Song 86b>¹⁸³

// ahe śrimgāra dvāri, koṭāra, sucīyā, rāgi¹⁸⁴, tume dāko, //¹⁸⁵ (l. 4)
māhārājā sarvvathā, //

// he koṭāra, sucīyā rājāra āgyā hailo, satvara āyaso, //
// (l. 5) thanā koṭāla, sucīyā, davarana vava, //¹⁸⁶

// he srimgāra dvāri koṭāra, sucīyā, dvāra madhye ā(l. 6)sile, tume rājā-ke jānāva, //
koṭāra sucīyā sarvvathā, //

// he māhārāja, koṭāra sucīyā, dvāra, (l. 7) madhye āsile, //
he dvāri koṭāra sucīyā lāgi, bhitara volāva, //
mahārājā sarvvathā, //

// he ko(Fol. 43ver, l. 1)tāra, rājāra āgyā hailo, bhitara āyeso, //
dvāri sarvvathā, //

// he māhārājā, amāra sevā, māhā(l. 2)rājā, jvahāra, māhārājā, ki āgyā hailo, //

// he koṭāra, sucīyā, suno, //

// rāga kahnala, jati, (l. 3) //

are re nāgala cāmpka¹⁸⁷, dusaha visese, / kehne antaśpuri morā, corero¹⁸⁸ paravesa, //

¹⁸⁰ Or, *jājvare*, a kind of intensive of *jvar-* or *jval-*?

¹⁸¹ Cf. Beng. *hākāra*.

¹⁸² King (**narapāla*), roaring in fury, summoned the city guard.

¹⁸³ MS song 86ab is not found in B 276/16.

¹⁸⁴ I.e. *lāgi*, dat.-acc. postposition.

¹⁸⁵ You should call (Beng. *dāko*) [...]

¹⁸⁶ Nw. "Here, the guard and spy (*sucīyā*) have come through the stage." *Sucīyā* is probably Skt. *sūcaka* "an informer, a tale-bearer, a spy".

¹⁸⁷ Maybe Beng. *cāṅga* "soldier armed with spear" [Sen 1971: 258]. Or else, if it is a person's name, maybe, Skt. *cāṅga* "handsome, beautiful".

¹⁸⁸ B 276/16 has a false writing *coreva*, but obviously, it must have been originally **corera*.

sa-pari(l. 4)vāra¹⁸⁹ jadi, cāhasi jivane, / cora dhariyā deho, du-pahara bhitare, //¹⁹⁰ <Song 87a>

he koṭāra, amāra a(l. 5)[nta]¹⁹¹śpuri madhye, kehne corera praveśa hailo, he koṭāra suno, //
māhārājā, āgyā ho, //

// are re nāgala camka, karaha vicāre, / cola māli jāvo, pathāu jama ghare, // <Song 87b>

<Remarks>

MS song-verses 87a and 87b are a sequence of a song. Only 87a corresponds to the first two verses of B 276/16 song 62 (*kahnada, jati*) [Kitada 2019a: 37–38].¹⁹² The rāga and tāla are the same.

<End of remarks>

he koṭāra, tumāra (l. 7) dhiyā¹⁹³ putā, sava rāye, cāhe, tumāke, e duyī pahara bhitala, amāke cola
dhariyā deho, e pā(Fol. 43ver, l. 1)na prasāda, tumāke leho, //
he māhārājā sarvvathā, //

he sucīyā, rājāra āgyā hailo, nagala madhe vi(l. 2)cāla karite jāvo, //¹⁹⁴

he māmā¹⁹⁵ sarvvathā calo, //

// koṭāra sucīyā davalana vāñā //¹⁹⁶

// rājā parikṣa(l. 3)pana dumkāya, //

// thanā koṭāra sucīyā mena vāñā, //

// rāja dhanāśrī, cokha ekatāri, // (l. 4)

¹⁸⁹ B 276/16 has a false writing *parivāva*. The letters *va* and *ra* are easy to confound.

¹⁹⁰ “Catch the thief within two *prahara*-s, if [you] want life together with your family (i.e. your life and that of your family).”

¹⁹¹ I added *nta*.

¹⁹² However, the B 276/16 (song 62) equivalent contains deviations from the MS second verse: *saparivāra jave na karivo prāṇa hare, cora dhari dehe duyī pahara bhitare*.

Besides, the MS verse-half *sa-parivāra jadi, cāhasi jivane* is also found in B 276/16 song 66: *saparivāra jave jā hosi jivane, ahmāke jāniyā tāke diveka vasane* [Kitada 2019a: 38]. Actually, this verse-half is nearer to the MS version. On the other hand, in the verse-half in question in B 276 song 62, the rhyme is incomplete: *prāṇa hare ... pahara bhitare*.

¹⁹³ *Dhiyā* seems to mean “a daughter” (cf. Beng. *jhiyā*), in the pair with *putā*.

¹⁹⁴ Probably, *sucīyā* is Skt. *sūcaka* “an informer, spy”, i.e. a kind of intelligence agent.

¹⁹⁵ *Sucīyā* (the spy) is the guard’s younger fellow worker. The two men work in partnership. *Sucīyā* does not appear in B 276/16: he seems to be a character invented by the redactor.

¹⁹⁶ Nw. “The guard and spy have gone through the stage.”

tapāvāsa¹⁹⁷ kailo, nāgala camka, / ujāni nagare corero upacamke¹⁹⁸, /<Song 88>

// koṇa bhāsā, //

he suci�ā (l. 5) bhara¹⁹⁹ kari�ā, nagara madhe tapāvāsa kari jāvo, //
māmā sarvvathā calo, //

// he māma hama ro(l. 6)ka²⁰⁰ satvara jāvo, //
suci�ā sarvvathā calo, //

// he suci�ā, e nagara madhye, hama loka, tapāvāsa ka(l. 7)rivo, //
māmā sarvvathā karo, //

// rāga dhanāśrī, cokha ekatāli //

hāte2 vāte2 prati, ghare2, / (Fol. 44rec, l. 1) dine2 tapāvāsa, kaiyilo nagare²⁰¹ <Song 89>

<Remarks>

Again, MS songs 88 and 89 together correspond to the third and fourth verses of B 276/16 song 62 (*kahnada, jati*). Thus, MS songs 87ab, 88 and 89 seem to be originally a sequence of verses in the source text.

In MS songs 88 and 89, the redactor changed the rāga and tāla into *dhanāśrī* and *cokha ekatāli*. He also indicated the prescription of *dhanāśrī cokha ekatāli* to MS song 89, presumably because the dialogue of the guard and spy (*suci�ā*) is inserted between. <End of remarks>

he suci�ā anega tapāvāsa kaile, cola na pāyilo, ki karivo, (l. 2) //

he māmā puni tapāvāsa bhara kero²⁰², //

he suci�ā bhara kahile, //

¹⁹⁷ It seems to be the same as Beng. *tapās* “search, enquiry”, loanword from Persian [Sen 1971: 389].

¹⁹⁸ Beng. *upacānka* “panic-stricken” [Sen 1971: 87]. “The city of Ujjain is panic-stricken because of the thief.”

¹⁹⁹ I.e. Beng. *bhāla*.

²⁰⁰ Cf. Hindi *ham log*

²⁰¹ “In marketplaces, on roads, and in every single house, [we] have conducted enquiry every day in the city.”

B 276/16 has *upavāsa* and *na mare* instead of MS *tapāvāsa* and *nagare*. There, I interpreted the second verse-half as meaning: “He fasted for three days, but does not die.” However, I also argued that *namare* is perhaps a mistake for **nagare*. Now, my theory is supported by MS.

²⁰² I.e. **kailo*

// he suci�ā, ghara piche hāta madhye (l. 3) vāta madhye, aneka tapāvāsa kaile, cola na pāyilo ki
vuddhi, ki upāya karivo, //

he mā(l. 4)mā cintā nāgaro²⁰³, gara madhe kṛpāna vā^Xdhiyā²⁰⁴,
rājā kihā, gocara karite, jāvo calo, // (l. 5)

he suci�ā, bhala kahile, //

// thanā koṭāra, suci�ā, davarana vāna, //²⁰⁵

// thanā rā(l. 6)jā parikṣapana piṃkāya, //²⁰⁶

// ahe bhāyi mindi koṭāra cora dhalite gelo, kehne na āyesile, // (l. 7)
māhārājā sarvvathā āyesive, //

// koṭāra sūci�ā, davalana vava, //²⁰⁷

// koṇa bhāsā //

he suci�ā (Fol. 44ver, l. 1) cola na pāyilo ki karivo, //

he māmā, ave ki karivo, rājāra thāva, vinati kalite jāya caro, // (l. 2)

he suci�ā, sarvvathā calo, //

// he māmā rājā kihā gocala karite jāvo calo, //

suci�ā bhala kahi(l. 3)le calo, //

// he māhārājā, hamāla jvahāra, //

māhārājā hamāla sevā, //

he māhārājā (l. 4) hamāla vinati, eka avadhāna ho //

// rāga śrī, māthā jati, //

cola na pāyiyā gale²⁰⁸, vā(l. 5)dhiyā kṛpān²⁰⁹, / nrpatilo āge kailo, daṃda-paranām· // <Song 90a>

// he māhārājā, ghara piche, hāta madhe (l. 6) vāta madhye, thāva2 anega, tapāvāsa kailo, cola na
pāyilo, //

²⁰³ Perhaps, corruption of *nā karo, influenced by the following gara madhe?

²⁰⁴ A cross sign is written above vā. The cross sign usually marks the place in which an addition should be inserted. But peculiarly, no addition is indicated in the margin.

²⁰⁵ Nw. "Here, the guard and spy (suci�ā) have gone through the stage."

²⁰⁶ Nw. "Here, [they] take King out of the parikṣepa."

²⁰⁷ Nw. "The guard and spy (suci�ā) have come through the stage."

²⁰⁸ Cf. Fol. 44rec, l. 4, gara madhe kṛpāna vādhiyā.

²⁰⁹ I.e. *bāndhiyā kṛpān "tying the sword", either they really did so, or it might be a proverbial expression like "having thrown his hands up in despair".

he māhārājā, āra eka ava(l. 7)dhāna ho, //
koṭāra kaho, //

// tapāvāsa kailo, na pāiyā cole, / saṃsaya āche morā, vidyāro (Fol. 45rec, l. 1) antaśpure, //
<Song 90b>

he māhārājā, amāra saṃsaye āche, kahite darāva²¹⁰, //
he koṭāra, ki saṃsaya, ki kā(l. 2)rja dalāva, he koṭāla suno, //
māhārājā, āgyā ho, //

// rāga paṃcama, ekatāli, //
nrpati vole to(l. 3)ke, nahi kichu bhaye, / jemane tumāla yichā karaha vicāre, //²¹¹ <Song 91>

<Remarks>

The verses corresponding to MS song-verses 90a, 90b and 91 constitute B 276/16 song 64 (*gaṇḍhāra, jati*) [Kitada 2019a: 38]. The redactor split the song into two, and changed the rāga and tāla, too.

Intriguingly, MS song 91a *karaha vicāre* echoes to the first verse-half of MS song-verse 87b which itself is not found in B 276/16:

are re nāgala camka, karaha vicāre, / cola māli jāvo, pathāu jama ghare, // <Song 87b>

This fact might confirm my theory that those MS verses which do not have their equivalents in B 276/16 should have been quoted from the source-text (i.e. Śrīdhara's work).

<End of remarks>

he koṭāra, ki kārja dalā(l. 4)va, kaho, //
he māhārājā, amāla saṃsae eka āche, vidyāra antaśpuri madhye, hamā(l. 5)la saṃsaya āche, //
// ahe koṭāla, vidyāra antaśpuri madhye, jemane, tumāra yichyā haye (l. 6) temane, tuhme vicāla karite
jāva, // e pāna prasāda nirbhaya leho, //
// he māhārājā, ahme cora (l. 7) dharite jāvo, //
// thanā koṭāra, sucīyā vāṇa mena, //²¹²

// rāga dhanāśrī, ekatāli, //
kule2 (Fol. 45ver, l. 1) cātare²¹³ cātare, / cora dharite koṭāra, vule ghare ghare, // <Song 92>

²¹⁰ I.e. *darāva*

²¹¹ B 276/16 *nrpati vole to kena karu saṃsaya, bharake jijñāsā karu nahi kichu bhaya*. *Bharake* is perhaps *bhala-ke “well, adequately”.

²¹² Nw. “Here, the guard and spy (*sucīyā*) have gone, accompanied by the song.”

²¹³ <*cautārā*= “porch, pavilion at the gate”? [Sen 1971, I: 290]

koṇa bhāsā, //
he suci�ā, vidyāra (l. 2) antaśpuri madhye, vicāla karite jāvo calo, //
he māmā sarvvathā calo, //

// he māmā satvala calo, // (l. 3)
suci�ā sarvvathā, //
// rājā parikṣapana dumkāya, //²¹⁴

// thanā koṭāra, suci�ā, dvara(l. 4)na vava, //²¹⁵
koṇa bhāsā, //
he suci�ā, e vidyāra antaśpuri madhye, eka upāya kari(l. 5)vo, //
he māmā ki upāya, //
he suci�ā, ethā kāma siṁdura pātivo, //
he māmā bhara ka(l. 6)hile, //

// rāga pamcama, palatāli, //
rājāro āgyā, vidyāro²¹⁶ ghare, / kāma simdura rasa, pā(l. 7)tivo, thare2 // <Song 93>²¹⁷

ahe suci�ā, nagara madhye vicāla karite jāvo calo, //
māmā sarvvathā caro, (Fol. 46rec, l. 1) //
// thanā koṭāra suci�ā, davarana piṁhāva, //²¹⁸

// thanā kumāra vidyā palikṣapana piṁkāya, //²¹⁹

²¹⁴ Nw. “[They] take King into the *parikṣepasuci�ā*) are conducting their dialogue.

²¹⁵ Nw. “Here, the guard and spy have come through the stage.”

Probably, *koṇa bhāsā* lit. “speech in the corner” is not a speech in the coulisse, but means that the actors, after moving in a circle on the stage (i.e. representing their transfer), come to a corner of the stage, and utter.

According to my teacher, the stage of the traditional Newari theater is triangular with three corners. On the other hand, the stage of today’s Kārtik Nāc, both in Pāṭan city and Pharping village, is a regular square. I wonder if my teacher was actually not talking of the physical form of the stage, but of its conceptual form, i.e. the imaginary space in which the actors conduct their movement.

²¹⁶ It seems that the scribe first wrote *rā*, then added three tiny strokes above the horizontal line to imitate the form of *e-kāra* (i.e. ā + e = o).

²¹⁷ This verse corresponds to B 276/16 song 65 (only one verse) (*bharthali, platāla*) [Kitada 2019a: 38]. The rāga is different, but the tāla is the same.

²¹⁸ Nw. “Here, the guard and spy go out of the stage.”

²¹⁹ Nw. “Here, Prince and Vidyā are brought out of the *parikṣepa*”, i.e. into the stage.

// (l. 2) he prāneśvarī, amāke, surati simgāra deho, //
prāneśvara je āgyā, // ~~X~~²²⁰ //

// rāga korāva, ekaṭā(l. 3)li //
madana vinoda kailo, vividha vidhāne, / simdura rāgilo kumāra, su-vasane²²¹, // <Song 94>²²²

// (l. 4) ahe vidyā, e simdura rāgilo, dhovi dite, mālini lāgi, e vastra dite jāvo, //
// he prāneśvara sarvvathā jāve satvara āyeso, //
prāneśvarī sarvvathā āsive, //
// tha(l. 6)nā kumāra davaraṇa vāṇa //²²³

// koṇa bhāsā, //
ahe bhāyi mindi, vastra dhoyite, mālini lāgi (l. 7) dite jāvo, //
// ame satvala jāvo, //
// thanā vidyā parikṣapana dumkāya, //²²⁴

// thanā mā(Fol. 46rec, l. 1)lini parikṣapana piṅkāya //²²⁵
// ahe bhāyi mindi, ethā puṣpa ganthite thākivo, //

// thanā kumā(l. 2)ra davalana vava, //²²⁶
// ahe bhāyi mindi, mālini kihā²²⁷, sighre jāvo, //
ame satvara jāvo, //

// (l. 3) ahe mālini, yi amāra vastra simdura rāgilo²²⁸, dhoi kihā, tume dite jāva //
he (l. 4) kumāra sarvvathā //

²²⁰ A cross, stained. It seems, the scribe set the cross to make an addition, but afterwards cancelled it.

²²¹ “Nice cloth”. B 276/16 *simdura lāgila sava, sundara vasane*.

²²² This corresponds to the first verse of B 276/16 song 67 (*korāva, eka*) [Kitada 2019a: 39]. The rāga and tāla are the same.

B 276/16 song 67 is a long sequence of nine verses. That means, the redactor of MS has drastically shortened this song, quoting only one verse from the source-text.

²²³ Nw. “Here, Prince has gone through the stage.”

²²⁴ Nw. “Here, [they] take Vidyā into the *parikṣepa*.”

²²⁵ Nw. “Here, [they] take/bring the flower woman out of the *parikṣepa*.”

²²⁶ Nw. “Here, Prince has come through the stage.”

²²⁷ *Kihā* seems to be a postposition.

²²⁸ I.e. **sindūra lāgilo*. The scribe spells it *rāgilo*, because of his association of *rāga* “dying red”.

// rāga vibhāsa, // ekatāli, //
vastra chādilo āni, māliniro (l. 5) ghare, / satvara jāyivo āhme vidyāro antaspure, // <Song 95>

ahe mālini, ame vi(l. 6)dyāra thāva jāvo, // he kumāra vijayī ho, //
// thanā kumāra davarana vāna, //²²⁹

// ahe bhāyi (l. 7) mindi ame vidyāra thāva jāvo, // ame sigrē jāvo, //

// thanā mālinina hi jyā vira vā(Fol. 47rec, l. 1)na, davarana, //²³⁰
// thanā dhovi pravesa, //

// rāga korāva, ekatāli //
āyilo dhoviyā, nāma (l. 2) manohare, / rājāro āgyā, vastra dhoyite, //
āyilo dhoviyā, dhavara²³¹ nām·, / vastra pakhālaya, (l. 3) ati sujān²³² // <Song 96>

// he dhovini²³³, hama samān²³⁴ dhovi, vastra pakhāraye jānaye, koṇo nahi (l. 4) āche, //
he manohala, satya kahile, //
he manohara, hama samāna dhovini, koṇo nahi ā(l. 5)che, //
he dhovini, ethā khaneka viśrāma, karivo, //
manohara sarvvathā, //

// thanā ko(l. 6)tāra suviyā vava davarana, //²³⁵
koṇa bhāsā, //
he suciyā, dhovira thāva, satvala jāvo, //
mā(l. 7)mā sarvvathā, //

// he māmā dhovi kihā, sigrē jāvo, //
suciyā calo //

²²⁹ Nw. "Here, Prince has gone through the stage."

²³⁰ Nw. It seems to mean: "Here, the flower woman has gone to give (*bira*) [the washerman] the task (*jyā*) of cleaning (*hi*), [moving] through the stage." *Hi* seems to be of *hiye* "to wash" [Manandhar 1986: 280].

²³¹ In MS song 99, his name is *dhowara*.

²³² The *virāma* and *u-kāra* resemble each other very much, but the *virāma* is written slightly apart from the letter. Therefore, I do not read *nāmu* or *sujānu*, but *nām·* and *sujān·*.

²³³ In MS song 96, they are washermen. But in the dialogue, they are changed into husband and wife.

²³⁴ Peculiarly, *na* is accompanied by the *virāma*.

²³⁵ "Here, the guard and spy have come, through the stage."

// he, dhovira ghara (Fol. 47ver, l. 1) madhye ke āche, //
ke dākile, //

he dhovini dhovi kahā āche, //
he koṭāra thākura, ghara madhye (l. 2) āche, //
he dhovini, dhovi-ke volāva, //
bhare koṭāra, //

// he dhovi, rājāra koṭāra suciyā, (l. 3) āsile, tume dekhite jāva, //

// he koṭāra amāra sevā, ki nimite āsile, // (l. 4)
ahe manohara suno, //
koṭāra kaho, //

// rāga dhanāśrī, pañiramāna //
samgope pu(l. 5)chiro, giyā dhovi manohare, / jāhāra kāpaḍa pāo, bhuśito simdure / <Song 97a>

// he dho(l. 6)vi, simdura rāgala, vastra, koṇo tumāke dhoyite, dite āsive, amāke janāva, //
he dhovi, (l. 7) āra eka vacana suno, //
koṭāra kaho, //

// sa-parivāra jadi, cāhasi jivane, / satvara ja(Fol. 48rec, l. 1)nāyiha, āsiyā amāke, // <Song 97b>²³⁶

he manohara, tumāra dhiyā putā, rākhaye cāhe, amāke, satvala (l. 2) ja²³⁷nāva, //
he koṭāra, sarvvathā, tumāke, janāyivo, //
// thanā koṭāra davarana vāñā, //²³⁸

// kona (l. 3) bhāsā, //
he suciyā, nagara madhye vicāra karite jāvo, //
māmā sarvvathā, //

//he māma sa(l. 4)tvara jāvo, //
suciyā sarvvathā, //

²³⁶ The first verse-half is the repetition of the first verse-half of the second verse of MS song 87a.

²³⁷ This letter looks like *jja* or *jra*. But I presume, it is simply stained.

²³⁸ Nw. "Here, the guard has gone, through the stage."

// he dhovini, māhā nadi tīra madhye, rūgā dhoyite (l. 5) jāvo, //

he dhovi calo, //

// dhovi davarana vāña. // //

// thanā dhovi mena²³⁹ vava // (l. 6) //

// rāga paṁcama, palatāli //

rūgā dhoyite jāya, māhā nadi tire, / dhiyā putā āche morā, (l. 7) vasi nahi rahe, // dhru // <Song 98>²⁴⁰
āyelo he dhovi, //²⁴¹

<Remarks>

MS song-verses 95–98 do not have their equivalents in B 276/16. However, the second and third verses of B 276/16 song 67 [Kitada 2019a: 39] deal with the same scene, containing similar expressions:

*prabhāta kāle gelā māliniro ghare, tyajire vasana sava siṁdūra rāgare*²⁴² /

*kapata*²⁴³ tave gerā mahā-nadi tire, mālini-ke vole vasana dhovi-ke je dire //

<End of remarks>

// koṇa bhāsā, //

he dhovini satvara jāvo calo, // (Fol. 48ver, l. 1)

dhovi sarvvathā calo, //

// he dhovi kateka dura, māhā nadi //

he dhovini, nikaṭa hailo, calo, //

// (l. 2) he dhovini, e māhā nadī mahe, rūgā dhoyivo, //

he dhovi hame, dhoyivo, //

// rāga (l.3) //²⁴⁴

²³⁹ Nw. *me-na* “in accompaniment of the song.”

²⁴⁰ The first verse-half *rūgā dhoyite jāya māhā nadi tire* has been anticipated in the foregoing dialogue. Besides, *dhiyā putā āche morā* “I have daughter(s) and son(s)” is an echo of the dialogue in Fol. 43rec, l. 7 (immediately after MS song 87b).

²⁴¹ This is probably an abbreviation of the following verse.

²⁴² I.e. **lāgale*

²⁴³ Presumably, corruption of Beng. *kāparā* “clothes”, for Bengali *ta* and Newari *da* look alike.

²⁴⁴ The space for the rāga and tāla is left empty.

dhovara dhovi dhovara nāma²⁴⁵, / vastra pakhāraye ati sujān· // <Song 99>

// he dhovini, ethā (l. 4) khane, viśrāma karivo, //

dhovi sarvvathā //

// thanā mālinina hijyā hiye vira vāñā, //²⁴⁶ // (l. 5) davalana, //

// koṇa bhāsā //

he vṛndai ame²⁴⁷ dhovi kihā, vastra dhoyite, dite jāvo, // (l. 6)

he vṛndai ame satvala jāvo, //

// ahe manohara dhovi2 //

ke dākile, //

he dhomini²⁴⁸, dhovi (l. 7) ghare āche, //

he mālini āche //

he dhovinī, dhovi-ke volāva, //

// he dhovi mālini āsi(Fol. 49rec, l. 1)le, //

he mālini, ki nimitye āsile, āyeso2 //

ahe manohara, yi hamāra vastra, dhoyite deho, // (l. 2)

he mālini āno, // he mālini, vani deho, //

he dhovi, vani kateka, //

// dhovi khyāla thanā, //²⁴⁹

// (l. 3) he mālinī, amāke surati siṃgāra deho, //

he pāpirṣṭa dhovi ghuca, //

// thanā mālini da(l. 4)valana vane, //²⁵⁰

// he dhovinī siddhi hailo2 //

²⁴⁵ I.e. *dhovala dhobi dhovara nāma “The washerman whose name is *dhovara* washed.” His name is *dhavara* (*dhavala) in MS song 96.

²⁴⁶ Nw. “Here, the flower woman has come to give the wash/laundry (*hi-jyā*) for washing/cleaning (*hiye*).” Nw. *mālini-na* is ergative.

²⁴⁷ *He vṛndai ame* is stained. This seems not to be a mark of cancellation. Similar stains are seen in the same page, and also in other pages, although I have not paid attention to them. Perhaps, these stains are made in a color (red?) by the user of this manuscript (i.e. the director, actors etc.) to mark something, although the color is not recognizable in the black-and-white microfilm.

²⁴⁸ Maybe influenced by *domini*?

²⁴⁹ Nw. “The washerman, making (*thanā* lit. “to fill in”) a joke”.

²⁵⁰ “Here, the flower woman goes through the stage.”

he dhovi ki siddhi hailo, //
he dhovinī suno (l. 5) //

// rāga dhanāśrī, ekatāli //
rāja-joge vasana, bhusito simdure, / dekhi dhovinī²⁵¹ tume, (l. 6) ramge ulhāsito, // <Song 100>

<Remarks>

Again this song-verse corresponds to B 276/16 song 67 (verse 4). As I have noted above in my remarks on MS song 98, the content of MS song-verse 98 is comparable to B 276/16 song 67, verse 2–3. Now, MS song 100 corresponds to the next verse 4 of the same song [Kitada 2019a: 39]. <**End of remarks**>

he dhovini, yi vastra, koṭāra rāgi, dekhāyete jāvo, //
dhovi sarvvathā jāva, // (l. 7) //
// thanā dhovi davaraṇa vāṇa, //

koṇa bhāsā, //
he vṛndai, koṭāra kihā, satvala jāvo, //
hame si(Fol. 49ver, l. 1)ghre jāvo, //

// thanā dhovini parikṣapana dumkāya, //²⁵²
// thanā koṭāra sucīyā parikṣapana pīm(l. 2)kāya, //²⁵³
// he sucīyā dhovi kehne na āyesile, //
māmā sarvvathā āsive, //

// thanā dhovi davara(l. 3)na vava²⁵⁴, //
// koṇa bhāsā hlāyāva, //²⁵⁵
// he vṛndai, yi vastra koṭāra rāgi dekhāyete jāvo, // hame (l. 4) satvara jāvo, //

// ahe koṭāra thākura, //
he dhovi, je kahi se pāyelo //

²⁵¹ Dhovinī is not contained in the verse equivalent in B 276/16. Probably, this is an invention by the redactor.

²⁵² “Here, [they] take the washerwoman into the *parikṣepa*.”

²⁵³ “Here, [they] take/bring the guard and spy out of the *parikṣepa*.”

²⁵⁴ “has come”

²⁵⁵ “Speech in the corner, speaking/saying (*hlāyāva*).” *Hlāyāva* occurs here for the first time in the stage instruction. Does it mean that this speech is not sung (i.e. *me-na* “by song”), but is made as a normal utterance?

he he koṭāra, tume je (l. 5) kahi, se vastra, amāke pāyelo, yi leho, //
he manohara āno, //
are sucīyā, kārja si(l. 6)ddhi hailo, //
māmā ki siddhi hailo, //
he sucīyā, yi dekho, rājya-joge vastra pāyile, //
māmā bhala hai(l. 7)le, //
he dhovi, yi vastra, kāhāra thāva pāyile, amāke kaho, //
he koṭāra mālinī, amāke dile, // (Fol. 49ver, l. 1)

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