CHAPTER THIRY-SIX

1. I acquire Ṛks (verses of praise), the speech; I acquire Yajuḥ (sacrificial texts), the mind; I acquire Sāmans (lyrics), the vital breath; I acquire the eyes and ears as well. May I get the force of speech and the strength of overcoming. May my out-breath and in-breath be in perfect order. (1)

2. Whatever distressing lacuna I have in my vision, in my heart or in my thought, may the Lord Supreme remove that. May gracious to us be He, who is the Lord of the whole universe. (1)

3. May we imbibe in ourselves the choicest effulgence of the divine Creator, so that He evokes our intellects. (1)

4. By what means may He, who is ever-augmenting, wonderful and friendly, come to us, and by what most effective contribution? (1)

5. What genuine and most earnest devotional offerings like nourishing food, would inspirit you to win over evil thoughts and procure formidable treasures? (1)

6. May you, O our protector, your friends and admirers, come to us with a hundred protections. (1)

7. O resplendent Lord, being pleased, with what protective measures do you delight us? What are the riches that you grant to your worshippers? (1)

8. The resplendent Lord illumines the universe. May He be gracious to us all, the bipeds as well as the quadrupeds. (1)

9. May the friendly Lord be gracious to us; may the venerable Lord, and the controller Lord be gracious to us. May the resplendent Lord, the Lord supreme be gracious to us, and may the omnipresent Lord of wide strides be gracious to us. (1)

10. May the wind blow pleasantly for us; may the sun be warm pleasantly for us; and may the divine loud-thundering cloud send showers for our pleasure. (1)

11. May the days be pleasing to us; may the Lord make nights pleasing to us. May the Lord resplendent and adorable be gracious to us with protective measures; may the Lord resplendent and venerable satisfied with our oblations, be gracious to us. May the Lord resplendent and nourisher be gracious to us in battle; may the Lord resplendent and blissful be gracious to us by urging us on right ways. May our diseases be cured and fears kept away. (1)

12. May the divine waters be pleasing to us for drinking and fulfilment of desires. May they rain all over us for prosperity and cure of ills. (1)

13. O pleasant Earth, may you become a thornless place of rest for us. Provide us with spacious accommodation. (1)

14. O waters, you are bestowers of happiness. So help us to have vigour as well as the grand and pleasing vision. (1)

15. O waters, make us enjoy here the most blissful sap, which you have, like mothers full of affectionate love. (1)

16. May we have enough of your that sap to our full satisfaction, with which you nourish the whole world. And may we be born for this again. (1)

17. May the sky be peaceful; may the mid-space be peaceful; may the earth be peaceful; may the waters be peaceful; may the annual plants be peaceful; may the forests be peaceful; may all the bounties of Nature be peaceful; may the knowledge be peaceful; may all the things be peaceful; may there be peace and peace only; may such a peace come to me. (1)

18. O Lord, make me firm in times of distress. May all the beings look at me with a friendly eye. May I see all the beings with a friendly eye. Thus may we all be looked at with a friendly eye. (1)

19. O powerful Lord, may you steady me in the calamities. May I live long, beholding you; may I live long beholding you. (1)

20. Our homage be to your desiccation and to your glow. Our obeisance be to your illuminating light. May your weapons torment others than us. May you be purifier and gracious to us. (1)

21. Our homage be to you, the lightning bright; homage to you, the thundering loud. O bounteous Lord, our homage be to you as you strive to lead us to the world of light. (1)

22. From whatever quarter you strive to lead us, may you provide us safety thence. May you grant happiness to our progeny and safety to our cattle. (1)

23. May waters and herbs be friendly to us; and unfriendly to him, who hates us and whom we do hate. (1)

24. May we be fortunate enough to look at the eye, set up by the bounties of Nature, rising brightly in front of us for a hundred autumns; may we live for a hundred autumns; may our hearing remain unimparied for a hundred autumns; may we speak clearly for a hundred autumns; may we never be indigent in a life span of a hundred autumns, and even much more than a hundred autumns. (1)