

अथ शिव कवचं

atha śiva kavacaṃ

शृणु देवि प्रवक्ष्यामि कवचं सर्वसिद्धिदं ।

त्रैलोक्यरक्षणं नाम सर्वपद्विनिवारणं ॥

śṛṇu devi pravakṣyāmi kavacaṃ sarvasiddhidam  
trailokyarakṣaṇaṃ nāma sarvapadvinivāraṇaṃ

Listen, Oh Goddess, as I elucidate the armor of all perfection,  
the name which protects the three worlds, restraining all  
negativity.

वक्त्रकोटिसहस्रैस्तु देवकोटिशतैरपि ।

कवचस्य गुणान् वक्त्रं नैव शक्तो महेश्वरः ॥

vaktrakotiśahasraistu devakoṭiśtairapi

kavacasya guṇān vaktraṃ naiva śakto maheśvaraḥ

Not even hundreds or thousands of mouths, nor the Gods, nor  
even Maheśvara, the Great Lord (or Great Seer of All)  
Himself, possess the capacity to proclaim the qualities of this  
armor.

ॐकारो मे मुखं पातु नकारः कर्णदेशके ।

मकारः पातु शिरसि शिकारो हृदये मम ॥

omkāro me mukhaṃ pātu nakāraḥ karṇadeśake

makāraḥ pātu śirasi śikāro hṛdaye mama

May the letter Om protect me in the face (or mouth), the let-  
ter Na in the area of the ears. May the letter Ma protect the  
crown of the head, while the letter Śi will protect in my heart.

वाकारोनेत्रयुग्मे च यकारो बाहु युग्मक ।

अकारस्तु मुखे पातु उकारो हृदये मम ॥

vākāronetrayugme ca yakāro bāhu yugmaka  
akārastu mukhe pātu ukāro hṛdaye mama

And the letter Va in the two eyes, while the letter Ya will  
protect in the two arms. Let the letter A protect in the face,  
while the letter U in my heart.

मकारः पृष्ठदेशे च पञ्चार्णः पातु सर्वतः ।

इति ते कथितं देवि क्वचं सर्वसिद्धिदं ॥

makāraḥ pṛṣṭhadeśe ca pañcārṇaḥ pātu sarvataḥ  
iti te kathitaṃ devi kavacaṃ sarvasiddhidaṃ

May the letter M protect on the back side, and the five letters  
protect all over. This, Oh Goddess, is the explanation of all  
perfection,

त्रैलोक्य रक्षणं नाम सर्वसिद्धिप्रदायकं ।

कण्ठ वा दक्षिणे बाहौ क्वचस्य च धारणात् ॥

trailokya rakṣaṇaṃ nāma sarvasiddhipradāyakaṃ

kaṇṭha vā dakṣiṇe bāhau kavacasya ca dhāraṇāt

the name which protects the three worlds, grantor of all  
perfection. If one wears such an armor at the base of the  
throat or on the right arm,

सर्वपापविनिर्मुक्तः स भवेन्नात्र संशयः ॥

sarvapāpavinirmuktaḥ sa bhavennātra saṃśayaḥ

he will be released from the bonds all sin, of this there is no  
doubt.