

Saptapadi

There are differences in the Mantras for most of the various vidhis of Vivaha Samskara as depicted in different Grihya Sutras.

As an example, Ashvalayana Grihya Sutra of Rig Veda contains this:

इष एकपदूर्जे द्विपदी रायस्पोषाय त्रिपदी मायोभव्याय चतुष्पदी प्रजाभ्यः
पञ्चपदृतुभ्यः षट्पदी सखा सप्तपदी भव सा मामनुव्रता भव । पुत्रान्विन्दावहै
बहूँस्ते सन्तु जरदष्टयः ॥

One step for sap, two for energy, three for wealth, four for prosperity, five for offspring, six for seasons and be a friend with seven steps. So be devoted to me. Let us beget many sons who may reach old age.'

Paraskara of Shukla Yajur Veda contains this:

१. एकमिषे विष्णुस्त्वान्वेतु ।
 २. द्वे ऊर्जे विष्णुस्त्वान्वेतु ।
 ३. त्रीणि व्रताय विष्णुस्त्वान्वेतु ।
 ४. चत्वारि मायोभवाय विष्णुस्त्वान्वेतु ।
 ५. पञ्च पशुभ्यो विष्णुस्त्वान्वेतु ।
 ६. षडृतुभ्यो विष्णुस्त्वान्वेतु ।
 ७. सप्त सप्तभ्यो होत्राभ्यो विष्णुस्त्वान्वेतु ।
- सखा सप्तपदा भव सखायौ सप्तपदा बभूव ।

1. First step for sap or food
2. Second step for strength
3. Third step for vows(vrata)
4. Fourth step for happiness
5. Fifth step for cattle (wealth)
6. Sixth step for all seasons
7. Seventh step for Hotra(sacrificial rites)

At the end the bridegroom says be my friend for life.