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Walt 1601 There was a large group waiting on

Vipassi, then the Blessed One.

Busy with all sorts of duties,

I was then a humble servant. Verse 1

Walt 1602 I had nothing that I could give

to that Well-Gone-One, the Great Sage,

so I worshipped the Teacher’s feet

with a mind that was very clear. Verse 2

Walt 1603 In the ninety-one aeons since

I performed that service back then,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that’s the fruit of doing service. Verse 3

Walt 1604 Then, in the eighth aeon ago,

I was the king, Sucintita,

a wheel-turner with great power,

possessor of the seven gems. Verse 4

Walt 1605 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 5

Thus indeed Venerable Veyyāvaccaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Veyyāvaccaka Thera is finished.

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