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Therāpadāna

The Legends of the Theras

114. Ekāsaniya

Walt 1707 Back then I was the king of gods,

known by the name of Varuṇa.

I attended the Sambuddha,

as his vehicle of power. Verse 1

Walt 1708 When Atthadassi, the Best Man,

Lord of the World, reached nirvana,

supplying all the turiyas,

I went to the best Bodhi tree. Verse 2

Walt 1709 As though facing the Sambuddha

I attended on the best Bodhi,

with music and with dances too,

well-accompanied by cymbals. Verse 3

Walt 1710 After having served that Bodhi
tree growing up from the earth there,
having eaten, with my legs crossed,
I passed away right on the spot. Verse 4

Walt 1711 Delighting in my own karma,
pleased in that superb Bodhi tree,
due to that pleasure in my heart,
I have achieved nirvana now. Verse 5

Walt 1712 And sixty thousand instruments
are attending me all the time
as I move on from birth to birth
among humans and also gods. Verse 6

Walt 1713 The three fires are blown out in me;
all new existence is destroyed.
I am bearing my last body
in the Buddha's dispensation. Verse 7

Walt 1714 In the five hundredth aeon hence
there were thirty-four kṣatriyans
all of whom were named Subahū,
possessors of the seven gems. Verse 8

Walt 1715 The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 9

Thus indeed Venerable Ekāsaniya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Ekāsaniya Thera is finished.

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