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118. Maggasaññaka

Walt 1742 Padumuttara Buddha’s own

followers, who were forest-monks,

were lost in a giant forest,

wandering there like they were blind. Verse 1

Walt 1743 Calling to mind the Sambuddha,

Padumuttara, the Leader,

and they who were that Sage’s sons,

lost in the great forest by then, Verse 2

Walt 1744 descending from my residence

I went to where the monks were then

and having shown the road to them

I also gave them food to eat. Verse 3

Walt 1745 Due to that deed for the Biped-Lord,

the World’s Best One, the Bull of Men,

being only seven years old,

I attained my arahantship. Verse 4

Walt 1746 In the five hundredth aeon hence,

there were twelve wheel-turning monarchs

known by the name of Sacakkhu

possessors of the seven gems. Verse 5

Walt 1747 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 6

Thus indeed Venerable Maggasaññaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Maggasaññaka Thera is finished.

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