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The Legends of the Theras

136. Campakapupphiya

Walt 1909 I saw Buddha, the Morning Star,

shining like a dinner-plate tree,

sitting down within a mountain,

surveying all the directions. Verse 1

Walt 1910 There were three young brahmin men then,

well-trained in their own brahmin arts.

Taking ascetics' provisions,

they were coming up behind me. Verse 2

Walt 1911 In a bag were seven flowers

those ascetics had laid down there.

Having picked them up I gave them

for the knowledge of Vessabhu. Verse 3

Walt 1912 In the thirty-one aeons since

I offered those flowers to it,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that’s the fruit of knowledge-pūjā. Verse 4

Walt 1913 In the twenty-ninth aeon hence,

a king known as Vihatābha,

was a wheel-turner with great strength,

possessor of the seven gems. Verse 5

Walt 1914 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 6

Thus indeed Venerable Campakapupphiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Campakapupphiya Thera is finished.

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