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Walt 1923 Although my name was “Nārada,”

I was known then as “Kesava,”

seeking after both good and bad,

I came into Buddha’s presence. Verse 1

Walt 1924 Loving-Hearted, Compassionate,

Atthadassi, the Sage so Great,

consoling all the world’s beings,

the Eyeful One preached his Dhamma. Verse 2

Walt 1925 Having brought my own heart pleasure,

pressing both my hands on my head,

after I’d worshipped the Teacher,

I departed facing the east. Verse 3

Walt 1926 In the seventeen-hundredth aeon

I was king, ruler of the earth,

known as Amittavāsana,

a wheel-turner with great power. Verse 4

Walt 1927 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 5

Thus indeed Venerable Ekapasādaniya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Ekapasādaniya Thera is finished.

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