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Walt 2067 Atthadassi, the Blessed One,

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

having risen into the sky

was going through the air back then. Verse 1

Walt 2068 I did pūjā to the place where

the Teacher had been standing when

he, the Sage so Great, rose upward,

feeling well- pleased by my own hands. Verse 2

Walt 2069 In the eighteen hundred aeons

since I saw the Great Sage back then,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that’s the fruit of region-pūjā. Verse 3

Walt 2070 In the eleven-hundredth aeon

I was known as Gosujāta,

a wheel-turning king with great strength,

possessor of the seven gems. Verse 4

Walt 2071 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 5

Thus indeed Venerable Desapūjaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Desapūjaka Thera is finished.

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