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Walt 2116 I was a deer-hunter back then,

within a grove in the forest.

I saw Vipassi Buddha then,

the God of Gods, the Bull of Men. Verse 1

Walt 2117 Having seen red flowers blooming

on a winter cherry tree then,

having taken them with their stems,

I offered them to the Great Sage. Verse 2

Walt 2118 In the ninety-one aeons since

I offered those flowers to him,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that’s the fruit of giving flowers. Verse 3

Walt 2119 And in the eighth aeon ago,

I was a monarch with great strength,

with the name of Suppasanna,

possessor of the seven gems. Verse 4

Walt 2120 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 5

Thus indeed Venerable Rattipupphiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Rattipupphiya Thera is finished.

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