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Walt 2285 Atthadassi, the Blessed One,

the Biped Lord, the Bull of Men,

honored by his followers then

approached the bank of the Ganges. Verse 1

Walt 2286 The Ganges was quite hard to cross

with even banks full to the brim.

I took across the group of monks

and the Buddha, Supreme Biped. Verse 2

Walt 2287 In the eighteen-hundredth aeon

since I did that good karma then,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that is the fruit of ferrying. Verse 3

Walt 2288 In the thirteen-hundredth aeon

there were five named Sabhogava,

wheel-turning monarchs with great strength,

possessors of the seven gems. Verse 4

Walt 2289 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 5

Thus indeed Venerable Taraṇiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Taraṇiya Thera is finished.

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