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Walt 2339 I saw the superb Tiger-Bull,

Well-Born-One, on a mountainside,

like the rising hundred-rayed sun,

like the sun when its rays are cool. Verse 1

Walt 2340 The majesty of the Buddha

was shining on the mountainside.

My heart pleased in the rays; for an

aeon I sported in heaven. Verse 2

Walt 2341 In all the subsequent aeons,

goodness was completed by me

because of that mental pleasure,

and remembering the Buddha. Verse 3

Walt 2342 In the thirty thousand aeons

since I obtained that perception,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

the fruit of Buddha-perception. Verse 4

Walt 2343 In the fifty-seventh aeon

there was one lord of the people,

known by the name of Sujāta,

a wheel-turning king with great strength. Verse 5

Walt 2344 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 6

Thus indeed Venerable Raṁsisaññaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Raṁsisaññaka Thera is finished.

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