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227. Vaṭaṁsakiya

Walt 2406-2407 I saw the Leader of the World

being led into a garden.

Picking up a wreath for the head

made of gold, superbly fashioned,

and quickly rising up from there,

mounted on an elephant’s back,

I gave it to the Buddha then,

to Sikhi, Kinsman of the World. Verse 1-2

Walt 2408 In the thirty-one aeons since

I did pūjā with that flower,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

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

Walt 2409 In the twenty-seventh aeon

hence lived one lord of the people

who was named Mahāpatāpa

a wheel-turning king with great strength. Verse 4

Walt 2410 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 5

Thus indeed Venerable Vaṭaṁsakiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Vaṭaṁsakiya Thera is finished.

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