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Walt 2507 The Buddha known as Ānanda,

the Self-Become, Unconquered One,

passed away in his forest haunt,

in the woods, devoid of people. Verse 1

Walt 2508 Coming here from the world of gods

and having made a pyre I then

did burn his body in that place

and I attended upon it. Verse 2

Walt 2509 In the ninety-one aeons since

I did that good karma back then,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

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

Walt 2510 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 4

Thus indeed Venerable Citapūjaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Citapūjaka Thera is finished.

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