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Walt 2526 On a Himalayan mountain,

I was a bark-clothed ascetic,

subsisting on unsalted leaves,

self-controlled in terms of my needs. Verse 1

Walt 2527 When my breakfast had been obtained,

Siddhattha Buddha approached me.

I gave that food to the Buddha,

feeling well-pleased by my own hands. Verse 2

Walt 2528 In the ninety-four aeons since

I gave him those leaves at that time,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that’s the fruit of leaf-donations. Verse 3

Walt 2529 In the twenty-seventh aeon

there was a king, Yadatthiya,

a wheel-turning king with great strength,

possessor of the seven gems. Verse 4

Walt 2530 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances;

six special knowledges mastered:

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 5

Thus indeed Venerable Paṇṇadāyaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Paṇṇadāyaka Thera is finished.

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