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Padumukkhepa Chapter, the Twenty-Seventh

261. Ākāsukkhipiya

Walt 2540 Taking two water-born flowers,

I approached the Bull Among Men,

Siddhattha, gold-colored Buddha,

traveling around the bazaar. Verse 1

Walt 2541 I placed one flower down at the

two feet of the Best of Buddhas.

And taking the other flower

I threw it up into the sky. Verse 2

Walt 2542 In the ninety-four aeons since

I offered that flower to him,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that’s the fruit of giving flowers. Verse 3

Walt 2543 In the thirty-second aeon

ago lived one lord of the earth

known as Antalikkhacara,

a wheel-turning king with great strength. Verse 4

Walt 2544 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances;

six special knowledges mastered:

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 5

Thus indeed Venerable Ākāsukkhipiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Ākāsukkhipiya Thera is finished.

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