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Walt 2545 When Siddhattha, the Blessed One,

the Bull Among Men passed away,

for all time I smeared oil upon

the railing at his Bodhi tree. Verse 1

Walt 2546 In the ninety-four aeons since

I smeared oil on the railing then,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that is the fruit of smearing oil. Verse 2

Walt 2547 In the twenty-fourth aeon hence

I’m the ruler named Succhavi,

a wheel-turning king with great strength,

possessor of the seven gems. Verse 3

Walt 2548 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances;

six special knowledges mastered:

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 4

Thus indeed Venerable Telamakkhiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Telamakkhiya Thera is finished.

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