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Walt 2562 On Candabhāgā River's bank

I was an osprey at that time.

I brought a big fish and gave it

to the Buddha named Siddhattha. Verse 1

Walt 2563 In the ninety-four aeons since

I donated that fish back then,

I've come to know no bad rebirth:

that's the fruit of fish donations. Verse 2

Walt 2564 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 3

Thus indeed Venerable Macchadāyaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Macchadāyaka Thera is finished.

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