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268. Saḷalapupphiya

Walt 2569 On Candabhāgā River’s bank

I was a kinnara back then.

I saw the Buddha, Vipassi,

Surrounded by a Net of Rays. Verse 1

Walt 2570 Happy, with pleasure in my heart,

and filled with supreme joyfulness,

taking a saḷala flower,

I strew it before Vipassi. Verse 2

Walt 2571 In the ninety-one aeons since

I did pūjā with that flower,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

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

Walt 2572 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 4

Thus indeed Venerable Saḷalapupphiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Saḷalapupphiya Thera is finished.

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