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Walt 2676 I was a bark-clothed ascetic,

wearing deer-leather outer robes.

I had five special knowledges;

a person who could stroke the moon. Verse 1

Walt 2677 Seeing Vipassi, the World’s Torch,

come to the same place as me,

I bore the floral canopy

over the head of the Teacher. Verse 2

Walt 2678 In the ninety-one aeons since

I bore that floral canopy,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that’s the fruit of bearing flowers. Verse 3

Walt 2679 In the eighty-seventh aeon

hence, there was one lord of the earth

by name Samantadharaṇa,

a wheel-turning king with great strength. Verse 4

Walt 2680 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 5

Thus indeed Venerable Pupphadhāraka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Pupphadhāraka Thera is finished.

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