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Walt 2729 There was a huge festival
for Blessed Vipassi's Bodhi Tree.
The Sambuddha sat at its roots,
the World's Best, the Bull among Men. Verse 1

Walt 2730 At that moment the Blessed One,
Honored by the Monks' Assembly,
was preaching the Four Noble Truths,
uttering his majestic speech. Verse 2

Walt 2731 Preaching by means of summary
and also extended discourses,
the Sambuddha, Covers Removed,
purified the great multitude. Verse 3

Walt 2732 Hearing the Teaching of Buddha,

of the World's Best, the Neutral One,

having worshipped the Teacher's feet

I departed facing the north. Verse 4

Walt 2733 In the ninety-one aeons since

I heard that Teaching at that time,

I've come to know no bad rebirth:

fruit of perceiving the Teaching. Verse 5

Walt 2734 In the thirty-third aeon hence

there was one ruler of people,

known by the name of Sutava,

a wheel-turning king with great strength. Verse 6

Walt 2735 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 7

Thus indeed Venerable Dhammasaññaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Dhammasaññaka Thera is finished.

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