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Walt 2740 “Praise to you, O Buddha-Hero!

You are the Clear One everywhere.

Calamity’s befallen me;

become the refuge for this me.” Verse 1

Walt 2741-2742 Siddhattha Buddha, in the world

the Peerless One, explained to me:

“The Monks’ Assembly, ocean-like,

is without measure, unexcelled.

Bring your heart pleasure in the monks

and plant the seed of happiness

there in that field which has no flaws,

which provides fruit without limit.” Verse 2-3

Walt 2743 Saying that, the Omniscient One,
the World’s Best, the Bull among Men,
after instructing me that way,
rose up into the sky, the sky! Verse 4

Walt 2744 Not long after the Bull of Men,
Omniscient One, had gone his way,
the time of my own death arrived;
I was reborn in Tusitā. Verse 5

Walt 2745 Then in that field which has no flaws
which provides fruit without limit,
in the monks, having pleased my heart,
I joyed an aeon in heaven. Verse 6

Walt 2746 In the ninety-four aeons since
I received that pleasure back then,
I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:
that’s the fruit of feeling pleasure. Verse 7

Walt 2747 The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 8

Thus indeed Venerable Sampasādaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Sampasādaka Thera is finished.

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