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312. Bhojanadāyaka

Walt 2771 Of good birth like a sal tree’s bough,

rising up like a drumstick tree,

streaking the sky like Indra’s bolt,

the Victor was always shining. Verse 1

Walt 2772 With a mind that was very clear,

I donated edibles to

him, the God Over Other Gods,

Vessabhu Buddha, the Great Sage. Verse 2

Walt 2773 The Self-Become, Unconquered One,

the Buddha, gave me thanks for that:

“let it be born as fruit for you,

as you’re reborn in existence.” Verse 3

Walt 2774 In the thirty-one aeons since
I gave that gift to him back then,
I've come to know no bad rebirth:
that is the fruit of giving food. Verse 4

Walt 2775 In the twenty-five aeon hence
there was one man, Amittabhā,
a wheel-turning king with great strength,
possessor of the seven gems. Verse 5

Walt 2776 The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 6

Thus indeed Venerable Bhojanadāyaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Bhojanadāyaka Thera is finished.

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