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Walt 2937 I saw the Golden Sambuddha

going in the path of the wind,

glistening like an oil-altar,

blazing up like a fire-altar.

Walt 2938 Taking some water with my hand,

I tossed it up into the sky.

The Buddha, Compassionate, Sage,

Great Hero, then accepted it.

Walt 2939 Standing in the sky, the Teacher,

whose name was Padumuttara,

discerning what I was thinking,

spoke this verse about me just then:

Walt 2940 “Because of this gift of water
and the joy that he produced then,
for one hundred thousand aeons
he’ll come to know no bad rebirth.”

Walt 2941 Due to that deed for Buddha,
the World’s Best One, the Bull of Men,
I’ve attained the unshaking state
beyond all conquest and defeat.

Walt 2942 In the sixty-five hundredth aeon,
there were three wheel-turning monarchs;
all were named Sahassarāja,
lords over people on four sides.

Walt 2943 The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
I have done what the Buddha taught!

Thus indeed Venerable Udakapūjaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Udakapūjaka Thera is finished.

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