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Walt 3084 On Candabhāgā River's bank,

I was a monkey at that time.

I saw the Stainless Buddha who

was seated on a mountainside. Verse 1

Walt 3085 I was enraptured seeing him,

Shining Forth in All Directions,

like a regal sal tree in bloom,

Bearing the Great and Lesser Marks. Verse 2

Walt 3086 Happy, with my heart exultant,

and my mind bristling with joy,

I offered on the Buddha's head

three lovely blue lotus flowers. Verse 3

Walt 3087 After offering those flowers
to Vipassi, the Greatest Sage,
approaching him respectfully
I then departed facing north. Verse 4

Walt 3088 Crouched over going off from there,
with a mind that was very clear,
I alighted on a mountain
and attained the end of my life. Verse 5

Walt 3089 Due to that karma done very well,
with intention and firm resolve,
discarding my human body,
I went to Tāvatiṁsa then. Verse 6

Walt 3090 And afterwards, three hundred times,
I ruled over the world of gods.
And furthermore five hundred times
I was a king who turned the wheel. Verse 7

Walt 3091 In the ninety-one aeons since
I did that flower-pūjā then,
I've come to know no bad rebirth:
that's the fruit of Buddha-pūjā. Verse 8

Walt 3092 The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 9

Thus indeed Venerable Tīṇuppalamāliya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Tīṇuppalamāliya Thera is finished.

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