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Walt 3225 The Blessed One named Vipassi,

the Self-Become One, Chief Person,

the Sun, the Victor, entered then,

surrounded by all his students. Verse 1

Walt 3226 Three fresh pāṭali flowers were

placed there in my lap at that time.

Wishing to bathe my head I went

to the riverside bathing place. Verse 2

Walt 3227-3228 Going out from Bandhumatī,

I saw the Leader of the World,

bright like a blue water lily,

blazing up like a fire-altar,

excellent as a tiger bull,

like a lion of good breeding,

traveling in front of the monks,

honored by the monks' Assembly. Verse 3-4

Walt 3229 Pleased in him, the Well-Gone Buddha,

Cleansing the Stain of Defilement,

taking those three flowers I

did pūjā to the Best Buddha. Verse 5

Walt 3230 In the ninety-one aeons since

I did pūjā with that flower,

I've come to know no bad rebirth:

that's the fruit of Buddha-pūjā. Verse 6

Walt 3231 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 7

Thus indeed Venerable Pāṭalipupphiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Pāṭalipupphiya Thera is finished.

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