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Walt 3284 In the city, Bandhumatī,

I worked in a hermitage then.

I saw the Buddha, Spotless One,

who was traveling through the sky. Verse 1

Walt 3285 Taking fruit of a breadfruit tree

I gave it to the Best Buddha.

Standing in the sky, the Calm One,

the Great Famed One accepted it. Verse 2

Walt 3286-3287 Having given Buddha that fruit,

with a mind that was very clear,

productive of delight for me,

bringing happiness in this world,

I then came to possess great joy

and vast, ultimate happiness.

A gem was truly produced for

me, being reborn here and there. Verse 3-4

Walt 3288 In the ninety-one aeons since

I gave the Buddha fruit back then,

I've come to know no bad rebirth:

that is the fruit of giving fruit. Verse 5

Walt 3289 Being in Best Buddha's presence

was a very good thing for me.

The three knowledges are attained;

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 6

Walt 3290 My defilements are now burnt up;

all new existence is destroyed.

Like elephants with broken chains,

I am living without constraint. Verse 7

Walt 3291 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 8

Thus indeed Venerable Labujaphaladāyaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Labujaphaladāyaka Thera is finished.

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