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Walt 4385 In the city, Bandhumatī,

I lived in the royal garden.

At that time, near my hermitage,

the Leader of the World sat down. Verse 1

Walt 4386 Taking a sprout of ironwood,

I offered it to the Buddha.

Happy, with pleasure in my heart,

I saluted the Well-Gone-One. Verse 2

Walt 4387 In the ninety-one aeons since

I offered that sprout at that time,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that’s the fruit of Buddha-pūjā. Verse 3

Walt 4388 My defilements are now burnt up;

all new existence is destroyed.

Like elephants with broken chains,

I am living without constraint. Verse 4

Walt 4389 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 5

Walt 4390 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 6

Thus indeed Venerable Nāgapallavaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Nāgapallavaka Thera is finished.

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