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Walt 4522 In the Himalayan region,

there’s a mountain named Kadamba.

There were seven Buddhas living

there on the side of the mountain. Verse 1

Walt 4523 Seeing a kadam tree in bloom,

pressing both my hands together,

taking seven of its flowers,

I placed them, thinking of merit. Verse 2

Walt 4524 Due to that karma done very well,

with intention and firm resolve,

discarding my human body,

I went to Tāvatiṁsa then. Verse 3

Walt 4525 In the ninety-four aeons since

I did that good karma back then,

I've come to know no bad rebirth:

that's the fruit of Buddha-pūjā. Verse 4

Walt 4526 My defilements are now burnt up;

all new existence is destroyed.

Like elephants with broken chains,

I am living without constraint. Verse 5

Walt 4527 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 4528 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 7

Thus indeed Venerable Sattakadambapupphiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Sattakadambapupphiya Thera is finished.

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