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Walt 4752 Vessabhū, the Sage, having plunged

into a sal-forest in bloom,

sat down on a bad mountain road

like a lion, the Well-Born-One. Verse 1

Walt 4753 Happy, with pleasure in my heart,

I presented hog-plum to him,

the Merit-Field, the Great Hero,

feeling well-pleased by my own hands. Verse 2

Walt 4754 In the thirty-one aeons since

I offered that flower to him,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

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

Walt 4755 My defilements are now burnt up;

all new existence is destroyed.

All defilements are exhausted;

I am living without constraint. Verse 4

Walt 4756 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 4757 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 6

Thus indeed Venerable Ambāṭakiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Ambāṭakiya Thera is finished.

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