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Walt 4758 Happy, with pleasure in my heart,

I gave a lion-throne to him,

Padumuttara, Blessed One,

the Well-Wisher of All Creatures. Verse 1

Walt 4759 In the world of gods or of men,

wherever I am living then,

I’m receiving a huge mansion:

that’s the fruit of a lion-throne. Verse 2

Walt 4760 Many couches made out of gold,

made of silver, made of rubies,

made of gemstones, made of crystal,

are produced for me all the time. Verse 3

Walt 4761 Making a seat for the Bodhi
of the Buddha named “Best Lotus,”
I’m born in an exalted clan;
O! the Teaching’s propriety! Verse 4

Walt 4762 In the hundred thousand aeons
since I made him that lion-throne,
I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:
that’s the fruit of a lion-throne. Verse 5

Walt 4763 My defilements are now burnt up;
all new existence is destroyed.
Like elephants with broken chains,
I am living without constraint. Verse 6

Walt 4764 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 7

Walt 4765 The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 8

Thus indeed Venerable Sīhāsanika Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Sīhāsanika Thera is finished.

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