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The Legends of the Theras

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Walt 4766 The Sambuddha named Sumedha,

the Chief, Compassionate, the Sage,

causing many beings to cross,

then reached nirvana, Great-Famed One. Verse 1

Walt 4767 Happy, with pleasure in my heart,

I had a stool for the feet made

close to the lion-throne of him,

of Sumedha, the Sage So Great. Verse 2

Walt 4768 Doing that wholesome karma which

bears fruit and leads to happiness,

conforming to my good karma,

I then went to Tāvatiṁsa. Verse 3

Walt 4769 When I was living in that world,
being endowed with good karma,
when lifting up my feet a gold
footstool then comes to be for me. Verse 4

Walt 4770 The gain for them is well-received,
who are getting a listening;
serving Buddha in nirvana,
they’re receiving huge happiness. Verse 5

Walt 4771 My karma too was so well done,
carefully employing merchants.
After having a footstool made,
I’m receiving a chair of gold. Verse 6

Walt 4772 Whichever direction I go,
for any reason at all, I’m
stepping on a stool of gold:
that is the fruit of good karma. Verse 7

Walt 4773 In the thirty thousand aeons
since I did that karma back then,
I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:
that is the fruit of a footstool. Verse 8

Walt 4774 My defilements are now burnt up;
all new existence is destroyed.
Like elephants with broken chains,
I am living without constraint. Verse 9

Walt 4775 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 10

Walt 4776 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 11

Thus indeed Venerable Pādapīṭhiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Pādapīṭhiya Thera is finished.

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