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Walt 4777 Making a well-made railing for

the foot of the superb Bodhi

of Padumuttara Buddha,

I brought pleasure to my own heart. Verse 1

Walt 4778 Really excellent merchandise,

things man-made and things not man-made,

are raining on me from the sky:

that is the fruit of a railing. Verse 2

Walt 4779 Being jumped on from both sides when

threatening armies are massing,

I am not seeing frights or fears:

that is the fruit of a railing. Verse 3

Walt 4780 Discerning what I am thinking,
a good mansion gets made for me
with many very costly beds:
that is the fruit of a railing. Verse 4

Walt 4781 In the hundred thousand aeons
since I had that railing made then,
I've come to know no bad rebirth:
that is the fruit of a railing. Verse 5

Walt 4782 My defilements are now burnt up;
all new existence is destroyed.
Like elephants with broken chains,
I am living without constraint. Verse 6

Walt 4783 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 4784 The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 8

Thus indeed Venerable Vedikāraka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Vedikāraka Thera is finished.

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