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Walt 4869 When the Buddha was being burned,

Sikhi, the Kinsman of the World,

I offered the funeral pyre

eight sweet-smelling champak flowers. Verse 1

Walt 4870 In the thirty-one aeons since

I presented that flower then,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that’s the fruit of worshipping pyres. Verse 2

Walt 4871 My defilements are now burnt up;

all new existence is destroyed.

Like elephants with broken chains,

I am living without constraint. Verse 3

Walt 4872 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 4

Walt 4873 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 5

Thus indeed Venerable Citapūjaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Citapūjaka Thera is finished.

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