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Walt 4981 With a fan covered in jasmine,

I fanned the superb Bodhi at

the foot of the superb Bodhi

of Vipassi, the Blessed One. Verse 1

Walt 4982 In the eleven aeons since

I fanned that superb Bodhi tree,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that is the fruit of a fanning. Verse 2

Walt 4983 My defilements are now burnt up;

all new existence is destroyed.

Like elephants with broken chains,

I am living without constraint. Verse 3

Walt 4984 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 4985 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 5

Thus indeed Venerable Sumanavījaniya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Sumanavījaniya Thera is finished.

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