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Walt 1197 When Vipassi, the Chief Person,

the World-Lord had reached nirvana,

taking a pink lotus in bloom

I placed it on the Buddha’s pyre. Verse 1

Walt 1198 And when it was placed on the pyre,

that lotus rose into the sky.

Making an awning in the sky

I held it there over the pyre. Verse 2

Walt 1199 In the ninety-one aeons since

I offered that flower to him,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that’s the fruit of Buddha-pūjā. Verse 3

Walt 1200 Forty-seven aeons ago

I was named Padumissara,

victorious on all four sides,

a wheel-turner with great power. Verse 4

Walt 1201 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 5

Thus indeed, Venerable Padumucchadaniya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Padumucchadaniya Thera is finished.

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