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Walt 5414 The Blessed One, Hundred-Rayed One,

the Self-Become, Unconquered One,

rising up from his solitude,

went forth in order to seek food. Verse 1

Walt 5415 Holding fruit in my hand, I saw

the Bull of Men who had approached.

Happy, with pleasure in my heart,

I gave him fruit with stems removed. Verse 2

Walt 5416 In the ninety-four aeons since

I gave him that fruit at that time,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that is the fruit of giving fruit. Verse 3

Walt 5417 My defilements are now burnt up;

all new existence is destroyed.

Like elephants with broken chains,

I am living without constraint. Verse 4

Walt 5418 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 5

Walt 5419 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 6

Thus indeed Venerable Avaṭaphaliya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Avaṭaphaliya Thera is finished.

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