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Walt 5473 The Ultimate Person dwelt on

the banks of Vinatā River.

I saw the Buddha, Stainless One,

the Calm One, Very Composed One. Verse 1

Walt 5474 Happy, with pleasure in my heart,

I then worshipped the Best Buddha

with a flower of the screw-pine,

with a honey-scented fragrance. Verse 2

Walt 5475 In the ninety-one aeons since

I gave him that flower back then,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

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

Walt 5476 My defilements are now burnt up;

all new existence is destroyed.

Like elephants with broken chains,

I am living without constraint. Verse 4

Walt 5477 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 5478 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 6

Thus indeed Venerable Ketakapupphiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Ketakapupphiya Thera is finished.

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