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Walt 5556 We boarded a boat at that time,

monk and I, an ajīvaka.

When the boat was broken to bits,

that Buddhist monk gave me refuge. Verse 1

Walt 5557 In the thirty-one aeons since

he gave refuge to me back then,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

the fruit of going for refuge. Verse 2

Walt 5558 My defilements are now burnt up;

all new existence is destroyed.

Like elephants with broken chains,

I am living without constraint. Verse 3

Walt 5559 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 5560 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 5

Thus indeed Venerable Saraṇāgamaniya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Saraṇāgamaniya Thera is finished.

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