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Walt 5573 Plunged into the forest, the woods,

I cut down some bamboo back then.

Having taken a walking stick,

I gave it to the Assembly. Verse 1

Walt 5574 Due to the pleasure in my heart,

honored with, “happiness to you!,”

having given that walking stick,

I departed, facing the north. Verse 2

Walt 5575 In the ninety-four aeons since

I gave the monks that stick back then,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that’s the fruit of giving a stick. Verse 3

Walt 5576 My defilements are now burnt up;

all new existence is destroyed.

Like elephants with broken chains,

I am living without constraint. Verse 4

Walt 5577 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 5578 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 6

Thus indeed Venerable Daṇḍadāyaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Daṇḍadāyaka Thera is finished.

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