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552. Nadī-Kassapa

Walt 6359 When Padumuttara Buddha,

the World’s Best One, the Neutral One,

was wandering about for alms,

maintaining superlative fame,

taking the best fruit of some sort,

I gave it to him, the Teacher,

Walt 6360 The Biped-Lord, the World’s Best One,

Bull of Men. Due to that karma,

I’ve attained the unshaking state

beyond all conquest and defeat.

Walt 6361 In the hundred thousand aeons

since I gave that donation then,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that’s the fruit of giving the best.

Walt 6362 My defilements are now burnt up;

all new existence is destroyed.

Like elephants with broken chains,

I am living without constraint.

Walt 6363 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!

Walt 6364 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught!

Thus indeed Venerable Nadīkassapa Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Nadīkassapa Thera, the second.

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