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Walt 6423 When the World’s Lord reached nirvana,

Siddhattha, Leader of the World,

having summoned my relatives,

I worshipped that Buddha’s relics.

Walt 6424 In the ninety-four aeons since

I worshipped those relics back then,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that’s the fruit of relic-worship.

Walt 6425 My defilements are now burnt up;

all new existence is destroyed.

Like elephants with broken chains,

I am living without constraint.

Walt 6426 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 6427 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught!

Thus indeed Venerable Apara Uttara Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Apara Uttara Thera, the seventh.

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