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Walt 1368 “Who is not pleased after seeing

the Bull, the Best One, the Hero,

the Sage So Great, Victorious One,

the Golden-Colored Sambuddha? Verse 1

Walt 1369 Who is not pleased after seeing

the Buddha’s meditative states,

boundless as the Himalayas,

as hard to cross as the ocean? Verse 2

Walt 1370 Who is not pleased after seeing

the Buddha’s moral discipline,

as boundless as the earth itself,

diverse wreath of forest-flowers? Verse 3

Walt 1371 Who is not pleased after seeing
the knowledge Buddha possesses,
unagitated like the sky,
as unfathomable as space?” Verse 4

Walt 1372 Having extolled the Best Buddha,
Siddhattha, the Unconquered One,
with these four verses when I was
the brahmin whose name was Yena, Verse 5

Walt 1373 I was reborn in no ill-state
for four and ninety aeons thence;
I enjoyed no small quantity
of happiness in good rebirths. Verse 6

Walt 1374 In the ninety-four aeons since
I praised the Leader of the World,
I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:
that is the fruit of praising him. Verse 7

Walt 1375 In the fourteenth aeon ago
there were four men named Uggata,
wheel-turning kings with great power,
possessors of the seven gems. Verse 8

Walt 1376 The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 9

Thus indeed Venerable Parappasādaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Parappasādaka Thera is finished.

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