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## Text

Therāpadāna

The Legends of the Theras

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Walt 1506 I went forth into homelessness

being only seven years old.

With a mind that was very clear

I then worshipped the Teacher’s feet. Verse 1

Walt 1507 Then I tossed up into the air

seven nagaliki flowers

for the sake of Tissa Buddha,

the Boundless Ocean of Virtues. Verse 2

Walt 1508 Happy-minded, I did pūjā

on the road the Well-Gone-One trod,

then I pressed my hands together

feeling well- pleased by my own hands. Verse 3

Walt 1509 In the ninety-two aeons since
I did that good karma back then,
I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:
that’s the fruit of Buddha-pūjā. Verse 4

Walt 1510 In the eighth aeon after that
there were three named Aggisikha.
They were wheel-turners with great strength,
possessors of the seven gems. Verse 5

Walt 1511 The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 6

Thus indeed Venerable Gatasaññaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Gatasaññaka Thera is finished.

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