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Walt 1512 Seated at the foot of a tree

I became extremely diseased.

In the forest grove I attained

an extremely pitiful state. Verse 1

Walt 1513 Having taken pity on me,

the Teacher, Tissa, approached me.

As I lay there dying I then

pressed both my hands over my head. Verse 2

Walt 1514 With a pleased heart and happy mind,

having worshipped the Sambuddha,

the Ultimate Among Beings,

I passed away right on the spot. Verse 3

Walt 1515 In the ninety-two aeons since
I worshipped him, the Best Person,
I've come to know no bad rebirth:
that is the fruit of worshipping. Verse 4

Walt 1516 In the fifth aeon after that
there were five named Mahāsikha,
wheel-turning kings with great power
possessors of the seven gems. Verse 5

Walt 1517 The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 6

Thus indeed Venerable Nipannañjalika Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Nipannañjalika Thera is finished.

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