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The Legends of the Theras

89. Bodhisaññaka

Walt 1542 There was a great Bodhi festival

for the Blessed One Vipassi.

I attended that festival,

being a person who’d renounced. Verse 1

Walt 1543 Taking water strewn with flowers

I poured it on the Bodhi Tree.

“Freed, he will make all of us free;

Gone Out, he will make us go out.” Verse 2

Walt 1544 In the ninety-one aeons since

I watered that Bodhi Tree then,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

the fruit of Bodhi-perception. Verse 3

Walt 1545 When thirty-three aeons had passed

there were eight wheel-turning kings,

lords over men who were all then

known as Udakāsecana. Verse 4

Walt 1546 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 5

Thus indeed Venerable Bodhisañña Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Bodhisañña Thera is finished.

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