Thig 6.5 — Verses of the Elder Anopamā

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Text

Verses of the Elder Bhikkhunīs

Chapter of the Sixes

Verses of the Elder Anopamā

“I was Majjha’s daughter:

well-born,

with much wealth and property,

endowed with beauty.

Sons of kings pursued me,

sons of wealthy merchants desired me.

One sent out a messenger for my father:

‘Give me Anopamā!

However much she is worth,

your daughter Anopamā,

I will give you eight times as much

in gold and gems.’

When I saw the Self-Enlightened One,

the supreme in the world, the unsurpassable one,

I paid homage at his feet,

and sat down to one side.

Gotama taught me the Dhamma

out of compassion.

Sitting on that seat,

I reached the third fruit.

Then I cut off my hair,

and went forth into homelessness.

Today is the seventh night

from when craving was made to wither.”

The Elder Anopamā