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Text

Man:

Dear Deva, your divine elephant is all white. You are entertained with sweet music. Who are you, traveling on that white elephant in the sky? Are you a god, or a heavenly musician, or the god Sakka? We do not know who you are. We ask you. Tell us the answer.

Deva:

I am not the kind of god that you think, or a heavenly musician, or the god Sakka. I am a god of the Sudhamma clan.

Man:

Worshiping you, Sudhamma, I ask, what meritorious deed did you do to have been born among the Sudhamma gods?

Deva:

Three kinds of houses can be offered: a house made of sugar canes, a house made of grass, or a house made of cloth. Having offered one of these three houses, I was reborn among the Sudhamma gods.