

# Saparivārāsana

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## [56. Sapparivārāsana<sup>1</sup>]

I gave alms-food which was begged for  
to Padumuttara Buddha.  
Going to the place where he ate,  
[I] scattered jasmine flowers [there]. (1) [1300]

Seated on that seat, the Buddha,  
the Top Leader of the [Whole] World,  
the Upright [and] Attentive One  
praised that alms-food which was begged for. (2) [1301]

“Just as even a little seed  
[when] planted in a fertile field  
will bear completely when it rains<sup>2</sup>  
fruit that brings the plowman delight, (3) [1302]

so too this alms-food which was begged,  
planted in a good field by you;  
When [you’re] reborn in existence  
you will be pleased with the fruit [then].”<sup>3</sup> (4) [1303]

Having said this, the Sambuddha  
whose name was that of the lotus,  
extolling alms-food which is begged,  
[then] departed facing the north. (5) [1304]

Self-controlled in the monks’ precepts<sup>4</sup>  
and in the five organs of sense,  
being one bound to solitude  
I’m living without defilements. (6) [1305]

The four analytical modes,  
and these eight deliverances,  
six special knowledges mastered,  
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (7) [1306]

Thus indeed Venerable Sapparivārāsana Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Sapparivārāsana Thera is finished.

<sup>1</sup>“Seat [for the Buddha] with Retinue”

<sup>2</sup>lit., “when [rain] is falling”

<sup>3</sup>lit., “there will be pleasure from the fruit”

<sup>4</sup>lit., “in the 227 rules recited by monks on full moon days,” reading *pātimokkhasmiṃ* (BJTS, cty, PTS alt.) for *pātimokkhasmi* (PTS).