

Sumana

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[69. Sumana¹]

I was a garland-maker then,
 known by the name of Sumana.
 I saw the Buddha, Stainless One,
 Sacrificial Recipient. (1) [1410]

Having taken, with both [my] hands,
 an exquisite jasmine flower,
 I paid homage to the Buddha,
 Sikhi, the Kinsman of the World. (2) [1411]

By means of that flower-*pūjā*,
 with intention and [firm] resolve,
 I've come to know no bad rebirth:
 that's the fruit of Buddha-*pūjā*. (3) [1412]

In the thirty-one aeons since
 I presented [him] that flower,
 I've come to know no bad rebirth:
 that's the fruit of Buddha-*pūjā*. (4) [1413]

In the twenty-fifth aeon hence
 there were four men of great glory;
 [all of them] were wheel-turning kings,
 possessors of the seven gems. (5) [1414]

The four analytical modes,
 and these eight deliverances,
 six special knowledges mastered,
 [I have] done what the Buddha taught! (6) [1415]

Thus indeed Venerable Sumana Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Sumana Thera is finished.

¹“Happy”