

# Padasañña

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## [72. Padasañña<sup>1</sup>]

As it stepped<sup>2</sup> I saw the foot of  
Tissa, the Kinsman of the Sun.<sup>3</sup>  
Happy, [and] with a happy heart,  
I pleased my heart over that foot. (1) [1427]

In the ninety-two aeons since  
I obtained that perception [then],  
I've come to know no bad rebirth:  
that's the fruit of foot-perception. (2) [1428]

In the seventh aeon [ago]  
the Kṣatriyan named Sumedha  
was a wheel-turner with great strength,  
possessor of the seven gems. (3) [1429]

The four analytical modes,  
and these eight deliverances,  
six special knowledges mastered,  
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (4) [1430]

Thus indeed Venerable Padasañña Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Padasañña Thera is finished.

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<sup>1</sup>“Foot-Perceiver”

<sup>2</sup>the term here is *akkantam*, which means “stepped upon” or “defeated,” but avoiding the implication that someone stepped on the Buddha’s foot, the cty explains that it was “stepping upon” (*akkamamānaṃ*) and makes the point of the *pāda* simply that he saw the “foot-shrine” (*padacetiyaṃ*) of the Buddha.

<sup>3</sup>*ādiccabandhuno*