

# Nipannañjalika

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### [83. Nipannañjalika<sup>1</sup>]

Seated at the foot of a tree  
I became extremely diseased.  
In the forest grove I attained  
an extremely pitiful state. (1) [1512]

Having taken pity on me,  
the Teacher, Tissa, approached [me].  
As I lay [there dying I then]  
pressed both my hands over my head. (2) [1513]

With a pleased heart [and] happy mind,  
having worshipped<sup>2</sup> the Sambuddha,  
the Ultimate Among Beings,  
I passed away [right] on the spot. (3) [1514]

In the ninety-two aeons since  
I worshipped<sup>3</sup> [him], the Best Person,  
I've come to know no bad rebirth:  
that is the fruit of worshipping. (4) [1515]

In the fifth aeon after that  
there were five [named] Mahāsikha,<sup>4</sup>  
wheel-turning kings with great power  
possessors of the seven gems. (5) [1516]

The four analytical modes,  
and these eight deliverances,  
six special knowledges mastered,  
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (6) [1517]

Thus indeed Venerable Nipannañjalika Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Nipannañjalika Thera is finished.

<sup>1</sup>PTS reads Pannañjalika but I follow PTS alt, BJTS and cty in reading the same as Nipannañjalika, "Lying-Down-Hands-Presser"

<sup>2</sup>*abhivāetvā*

<sup>3</sup>*vandij*

<sup>4</sup>"Great Flame"