

# Bodhisañña

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**[89. Bodhisañña<sup>1</sup>]**

There was a great Bodhi festival  
for the Blessed One Vipassi.  
I attended that festival,  
being a person who'd renounced. (1) [1542]

Taking water strewn with flowers  
I poured it on the Bodhi [Tree].  
“Freed, he will make [all of] us free;  
Gone Out, he will make us go out.” (2) [1543]

In the ninety-one aeons since  
I watered that Bodhi [Tree then],  
I've come to know no bad rebirth:  
the fruit of Bodhi-perception. (3) [1544]

When thirty-three aeons had passed  
there were eight wheel-turning kings,  
lords over men who were [all then]  
known as Udakāsecana.<sup>2</sup> (4) [1545]

The four analytical modes,  
and these eight deliverances,  
six special knowledges mastered,  
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (5) [1546]

Thus indeed Venerable Bodhisañña Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Bodhisañña Thera is finished.

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<sup>1</sup>“Bodhi-[Tree]-Perceiver”

<sup>2</sup>“Sweetener of the Water”