

Padumapupphiya

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[90. Padumapupphiya¹]

I lived in a lotus forest
 eating lotus flowers [back then].
 I saw Phussa, the Sambuddha,
 Bearing the Thirty-two Great Marks.² (1) [1547]

Picking up a lotus flower
 I tossed it up into the air.
 Having done this pleasing karma
 I went forth into homelessness. (2) [1548]

Having renounced, with self-control
 over my body and [my] mind,
 and refraining from bad speech-acts
 I purified my livelihood. (3) [1549]

In the ninety-two aeons since
 I offered that flower [to him],
 I've come to know no bad rebirth:
 that's the fruit of Buddha-*pūjā*. (4) [1550]

There were eighteen lords of the earth
 [all] known as Padumābhāsa,³
 and in the eighteenth aeon [hence]
 there were forty-eight [such monarchs]. (5) [1551]

The four analytical modes,
 and these eight deliverances,
 six special knowledges mastered,
 [I have] done what the Buddha taught! (6) [1552]

Thus indeed Venerable Padumapupphiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Padumapupphiya Thera is finished.

The Summary:

Timira, Nangalipupphī,
 Nipannañjalika, Adha,
 two Raṃsisaññis, Phalada,
 Saddasaññī and Sevaka,
 Padumapupphī and verses
 fifty-six have been detailed [here].

¹“Pink Lotus-Flower-er”

²of a *mahāpurusa* or “Great Man” destined to become a wheel-turning monarch or a Buddha.

³“Lotus-Light”

The Timirapupphiya Chapter, the Ninth.