

# Senāsanadāyaka

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**[98. Senāsanadāyaka<sup>1</sup>]**

I gave a mat made out of leaves  
to Siddhattha, the Blessed One,  
and served [that Buddha] thoroughly,  
[then] scattered flowers [around for him]. (1) [1595]

I enjoyed a very costly  
pleasant cave, and palaces [too];  
flowers which were most expensive  
dropped into my bed at that time. (2) [1596]

On my bed I snuggled on an  
ornamented mat of flowers,  
and a rain of flowers always  
rained down upon my bed [back then]. (3) [1597]

In the ninety-four aeons since  
I gave that mat made out of leaves,  
I've come to know no bad rebirth:  
that's the fruit of a giving a mat. (4) [1598]

There were seven wheel-turning kings  
[all] named Ṭhitosanthāraka<sup>2</sup>  
who were born, those lords of people,  
[then] in the fifth aeon [ago]. (5) [1599]

The four analytical modes,  
and these eight deliverances,  
six special knowledges mastered,  
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (6) [1600]

Thus indeed Venerable Senāsanadāyaka<sup>3</sup> Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Senāsanadāyaka Thera is finished.

<sup>1</sup>“Lodgings-Donor” (lit., “Giver of Bed-and-Chair” [or “Bed and Food”])

<sup>2</sup>“Mat-Placer”

<sup>3</sup>reading Senāsanadāyaka with PTS alt and BJTS for Senādāyaka (“Army-Giver,” PTS)