

# Padapūjaka

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### [104. Padapūjaka<sup>1</sup>]

I gave a jasmine flower to  
Siddhattha, [then] the Blessed One,  
[and] with laughter I [then] scattered<sup>2</sup>  
seven flowers upon his feet. (1) [1629]

Due to that karma, today I  
have surpassed gods as well as men.  
I am bearing my last body  
in the Buddha's<sup>3</sup> dispensation. (2) [1630]

In the ninety-four aeons since  
I offered that flower [to him],  
I've come to know no bad rebirth:  
that's the fruit of flower-*pūjā*. (3) [1631]

There were thirteen wheel-turning kings;  
[all were] named Samantagandha,<sup>4</sup>  
lords over groups on all four sides,  
[then] in the fifth aeon ago. (4) [1632]

The four analytical modes,  
and these eight deliverances,  
six special knowledges mastered,  
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (5) [1633]

Thus indeed Venerable Padapūjaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Padapūjaka Thera is finished.

<sup>1</sup>“Foot-worshipper”.

<sup>2</sup>reading *hāsenokīritāni* (BJTS) for *hasena-kāritāni* (“with laughter caused to be built,” PTS).

<sup>3</sup>lit. “in the Supreme Buddha's”

<sup>4</sup>“Perfume on all Sides”