## Kaṇaverapupphiya

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## [162. Kanaverapupphiya<sup>1</sup>]

The Blessed One named Siddhattha, the World's Best One, the Bull of Men, Honored by the monks' Assembly,<sup>2</sup> entered into the city [then]. (1) [2056]

In the king's inner-chambers<sup>3</sup> [there]
I lived as the trusted<sup>4</sup> watchman.
When I was inside the palace,
I saw the [Buddha], World-Leader. (2) [2057]

Taking a *kaṇavera* flower, I scattered [it] among the monks.<sup>5</sup> Then I scattered [some] more of them for [him], the Buddha, separately. (3) [2058]

In the ninety-four aeons since I did that flower-offering, I've come to know no bad rebirth: the fruit of flower-offering. (4) [2059]

In the eighty-seventh aeon there were four [named] Mahiddhika,<sup>6</sup> wheel-turning kings with great power, possessors of the seven gems. (5) [2060]

The four analytical modes, and these eight deliverances, six special knowledges mastered, [I have] done what the Buddha taught! (6) [2061]

Thus indeed Venerable Kaṇaverapupphiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Kaṇaverapupphiya Thera is finished.

¹"Kaṇavera-Flower-er". Kaṇavera is china rose or shoe-flower, Sinhala banduvada. Cf. #151, are these the same flower (both banduvada in Sinhala)?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>lit., "Honored by his Followers"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>or harem

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>BJTS gloss says, "trusted (authorized) by the king".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>lit., "on/in the monks' Assembly"

<sup>6&</sup>quot;Great Power"