

Macchadāyaka

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[266. Macchadāyaka¹]

On Candabhāgā River's bank
I was an osprey² at that time.
I brought³ a big fish and gave it
to the Buddha [named] Siddhattha. (1) [2562]

In the ninety-four aeons since
I donated that fish back then,
I've come to know no bad rebirth:
that's the fruit of fish donations. (2) [2563]

The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (3) [2564]

Thus indeed Venerable Macchadāyaka Thera spoke these verses.
The legend of Macchadāyaka Thera is finished.

¹“Fish-Donor”

²*ukkusa*

³lit., “picking up” “taking up” “fishing out”