

# Javahaṅsaka

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**[267. Javahaṅsaka<sup>1</sup>]**

On Candabhāgā River's bank  
 I was a forester back then.  
 I saw the Buddha, Siddhattha,  
 traveling across the sky [there]. (1) [2565]

Raising my hands pressed together,  
 gazing upon the Sage so Great,  
 bringing pleasure to [my] own heart  
 I gave the Leader reverence. (2) [2566]

In the ninety-four aeons since  
 I revered the Bull Among Men,  
 I've come to know no bad rebirth:  
 that is the fruit of reverence. (3) [2567]

The four analytical modes,  
 and these eight deliverances,  
 six special knowledges mastered,  
 [I have] done what the Buddha taught! (4) [2568]

Thus indeed Venerable Javahaṅsaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Javahaṅsaka Thera is finished.

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<sup>1</sup>“Speedy Swan-er,” apparently an allusion to the Buddha's movement across the sky, the witnessing of which serves as this monk's foundational good deed.