

# Taraṇiya

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## [280. Taraṇiya<sup>1</sup>]

On a rough spot on the highway,  
I caused a bridge to be fashioned  
for the sake of the world's crossing,  
[feeling well-]pleased by [my] own hands. (1) [2619]

In the ninety-one aeons since  
that bridge got constructed by me,  
I've come to know no bad rebirth:  
that's the fruit of giving a bridge. (2) [2620]

In the fifty-fifth aeon hence  
there was one [man], Samogadha,<sup>2</sup>  
a wheel-turning king with great strength,  
possessor of the seven gems. (3) [2621]

The four analytical modes,  
and these eight deliverances,  
six special knowledges mastered,  
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (4) [2622]

Thus indeed Venerable Taraṇiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Taraṇiya Thera is finished.

The summary:

Sovaṇṇa and Tilamuṭṭhi,  
Caṅkot',<sup>3</sup> Abbhañjam, Añjali,  
Potthaka, Citaka, Māla,  
Ekapuṇḍari, Setuna:  
when the verses are counted by  
wise people there are forty-two.

The Savaṇṇabimbohana Chapter, the Twenty-Eighth

<sup>1</sup>"Cross-Over-er," "Ferryman." The name appears as *Setuna*, "Bridge-er," in the chapter summary below.

<sup>2</sup>"Fully Immersed"

<sup>3</sup>probably a typographical error; BJTS reads *Caṅgot'*