

Ekapupphiya

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[284. Ekapupphiya¹]

At that time I was a goblin,²
 [residing] at the southern gate.
 I saw the Buddha, Stainless One,
 [bright but cool] like a rayless sun.³ (1) [2638]

One flower was given by me
 to Vipassi, the Chief of Men,
 the Well-Wisher of Every World,⁴
 the Best Biped, the Neutral One. (2) [2639]

In the ninety-one aeons since
 I gave that flower [to him] back then,
 I've come to know no bad rebirth:
 that's the fruit of Buddha-*pūjā*. (3) [2640]

The four analytical modes,
 and these eight deliverances,
 six special knowledges mastered,
 [I have] done what the Buddha taught! (4) [2641]

Thus indeed Venerable Ekapupphiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Ekapupphiya Thera is finished.

¹“One Flower-er”

²*pisāco*

³*vītaraṃsa*; see above, note to #215, v. 1 [2339]. xxx should this, and the two sun metaphors in #215, and again in #305, be treated as epithets? The distinction is taken to be the presence (or not, in the case of epithets) of comparative enclitics like *va*, *iva*

⁴*sabbalokahitesino*