

Upaṭṭhāyaka

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After I had invited him —
 the World's Best, the Bull of Men,
 the Best Biped, Great Elephant,
 Sacrificial Recipient,
 who had entered onto the road —
 service was provided by me
 to Siddhattha [Buddha], Great Sage,
 the Well-Wisher of Every World.² (1-2) [2646-2647]

Accepting [it], the Sambuddha,
 the Greatest Sage, [then] rose up from
 that seat [prepared] for serving [him]
 [and] set forth, his face to the west. (3) [2648]

In the ninety-four aeons since
 I gave [him] that service back then,
 I've come to know no bad rebirth:
 that's the fruit of giving service. (4) [2649]

In the fifty-seventh aeon
 hence, [lived] he named Balasena,³
 a wheel-turning king with great strength,
 possessor of the seven gems. (5) [2650]

The four analytical modes,
 and these eight deliverances,
 six special knowledges mastered:
 [I have] done what the Buddha taught! (6) [2651]

Thus indeed Venerable Upaṭṭhāyaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Upaṭṭhāyaka Thera is finished.

¹“Servant”

²*sabbalokahitesino*

³“Possessor of a Strong Army”