

Desakittiya

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Back then I was a brahmin man
 whose name was Upasālaka.²
 Seeing the World's Best One, Man-Bull,
 Getting the World's Sacrifices,
 plunged into the woods, the forest,
 I worshipped [the Buddha's] feet [there].
 Discerning my mental pleasure,
 the Buddha disappeared [right there]. (1-2) [2701-2702]

Having come out of the forest,
 I called to mind the Best Buddha.
 Proclaiming that to the region,
 I joyed an aeon in heaven. (3) [2703]

In the ninety-two aeons since
 I proclaimed that to the region,
 I've come to know no bad rebirth:
 that is the fruit of proclaiming. (4) [2704]

The four analytical modes,
 and these eight deliverances,
 six special knowledges mastered,
 [I have] done what the Buddha taught! (4) [2705]

Thus indeed Venerable Desakittiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Desakittiya Thera is finished.

¹“Proclaimer in the Region”

²“Junior Brother-in-Law”