

# Nimittasañña

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**[325. Nimittasañña<sup>1</sup>]**

On Candabhāgā River’s bank,  
I dwelt in a hermitage [then].  
I saw a golden-colored deer,  
[which] was wandering through the woods. (1) [2852]

Having pleased [my] heart in [that] deer,  
I recalled the World’s Best [Buddha].  
With that [same] pleasure in [my] heart,  
I recalled the other Buddhas: (2) [2853]

“Those Buddhas who have passed away,  
Thus-Gone-Ones, [while they] were living,  
in this very same way shined forth,  
like [golden] deer-kings for the heart.” (3) [2854]

In the ninety-four aeons since  
I obtained that perception then,  
I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:  
the fruit of perceiving Buddhas. (4) [2855]

In the twenty-seventh aeon  
hence there was one lord of the earth,  
[who] was named Araññasatta,<sup>2</sup>  
a wheel-turning king with great strength. (5) [2856]

The four analytical modes,  
and these eight deliverances,  
six special knowledges mastered,  
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (6) [2857]

Thus indeed Venerable Nimittasañña Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Nimittasañña Thera is finished.

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<sup>1</sup>“Perceiver of the Signs”

<sup>2</sup>“Forest-Creature”