

# Pāṭalipupphiya

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**[369. {372.}<sup>1</sup> Pāṭalipupphiya<sup>2</sup>]**

The Blessed One named Vipassi,  
the Self-Become One, Chief Person,  
the Sun, the Victor, entered then,  
surrounded by [all] his students. (1) [3225]

Three [fresh] *pāṭali*<sup>3</sup> flowers were  
placed [there] in my lap [at that time].  
Wishing to bathe my head I went  
to the river[side] bathing place.<sup>4</sup> (2) [3226]

Going out from Bandhumatī,  
I saw the Leader of the World,  
bright like a blue water lily,<sup>5</sup>  
blazing up like a fire-altar,  
excellent as a tiger bull,  
like a lion of good breeding,  
traveling in front of the monks,  
honored by the monks' Assembly. (3-4) [3227-3228]

Pleased in him, the Well-Gone [Buddha],  
Cleansing the Stain of Defilement,<sup>6</sup>  
taking [those] three flowers I  
did *pūjā* to the Best Buddha. (5) [3229]

In the ninety-one aeons since  
I did *pūjā* [with] that flower,  
I've come to know no bad rebirth:  
that's the fruit of Buddha-*pūjā*. (6) [3230]

The four analytical modes,  
and these eight deliverances,  
six special knowledges mastered,  
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (7) [3231]

Thus indeed Venerable Pāṭalipupphiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Pāṭalipupphiya Thera is finished.

<sup>1</sup>*Apadāna* numbers provided in {fancy brackets} correspond to the BJTS edition, which contains more individual poems than does the PTS edition dictating the main numbering of this translation.

<sup>2</sup>"Trumpet-Flower-er."

<sup>3</sup>*Pāṭali* is Sinh. *paḷol*, *Bignonia suaveolens*, *sterospermum suaveolens* (*Bignon.*), trumpet-flower tree, the Bodhi Tree of Vipassi Buddha. Cf. #71, #78, #96, #248, #255.

<sup>4</sup>*nadītittha*, the "ford" (Sinh. *toṭupola*, *maṅkaḍa*) fashioned for easy descent into the water to bathe.

<sup>5</sup>*indīvara*, *Cassia fistula*

<sup>6</sup>*kilesamaladhovana*