

# Citapūjaka

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**[374. {377.}<sup>1</sup> Citapūjaka<sup>2</sup>]**

When the Blessed One passed away<sup>3</sup> —  
 [the one] named “Ultimate Lotus”<sup>4</sup> —  
 when the stupa had been raised up,  
 I offered<sup>5</sup> [it] a *sal* flower. (1) [3257]

In the hundred thousand aeons  
 since I did that flower-*pūjā*,  
 I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:  
 that’s the fruit of stupa-*pūjā*. (2) [3258]

Being in Best Buddha’s presence  
 was a very good thing for me.  
 The three knowledges are attained;  
 [I have] done what the Buddha taught! (3) [3259]

My defilements are [now] burnt up;  
 all [new] existence is destroyed.  
 Like elephants with broken chains,  
 I am living without constraint. (4) [3260]

The four analytical modes,  
 and these eight deliverances,  
 six special knowledges mastered,  
 [I have] done what the Buddha taught! (5) [3261]

Thus indeed Venerable Citapūjaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Citapūjaka 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>“Stupa- (or Shrine-) Worshipper”

<sup>3</sup>*parinibbute*

<sup>4</sup>*jalajuttamanāmake*, i.e., Padumuttara

<sup>5</sup>lit., did *pūjā* [with]