## Vallikāraphaladāyaka

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## [475. {478.}¹ Vallikāraphaladāyaka²]

The Sambuddha named Sumana lived in Takkarā<sup>3</sup> at that time.
Taking [some] *vallikāra*<sup>4</sup> fruit,
I gave [it] to the Self-Become. (1) [5001]

In the thirty-one aeons since I gave [him] that fruit at that time, I've come to know no bad rebirth: that is the fruit of giving fruit. (2) [5002]

My defilements are [now] burnt up; all [new] existence is destroyed.
Like elephants with broken chains,
I am living without constraint. (3) [5003]

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! (4) [5004]

The four analytical modes, and these eight deliverances, six special knowledges mastered, [I have] done what the Buddha taught! (5) [5005]

Thus indeed Venerable Vallikāraphaladāyaka<sup>5</sup> Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Vallikāraphaladāyaka $^6$  Thera is finished.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>"Vallikāra-Fruit Donor." This is the BJTS spelling; PTS gives Vallikara°

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>a city or country, known only from this passage (see DPPN I:981)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>= *vallikā* (?), Sinh. *hīrāssa*, *sivrās*, *sivrāssa*, Bot. Dict.: "a climbing plant edible when tender, having four winged stems and bearing red berries, Vitis quadrangularis (*Ampel*.)" Cf. RD *vallī*, s.v., "a climbing plant, a creeper, Vin iii.144; J v.37; vi.536; VvA 147, 335 (here as a root?)."

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