

Legends of the Buddhist Saints

Apadānapāli

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Gatasañña

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[82. Gatasaññaaka]

I went forth into homelessness
being [only] seven years [old].
With a mind that was very clear
I [then] worshipped the Teacher's feet. (1) [1506]

[Then] I tossed up into the air
seven *nagaliki* flowers
for the sake of Tissa Buddha,
the Boundless Ocean of Virtues. (2) [1507]

Happy-minded, I did *pūjā*
on the road the Well-Gone-One trod,
then I pressed my hands together
[feeling well-] pleased by [my] own hands. (3) [1508]

In the ninety-two aeons since
I did that [good] karma back then,
I've come to know no bad rebirth:
that's the fruit of Buddha-*pūjā*. (4) [1509]

In the eighth aeon after that
there were three [named] Aggisikha.¹
[They were] wheel-turners with great strength,
possessors of the seven gems. (5) [1510]

The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (6) [1511]

Thus indeed Venerable Gatasaññaaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Gatasaññaaka Thera is finished.

¹"Fire-Flame".