

Legends of the Buddhist Saints

Apadānapāli

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Bodhisañña

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[89. Bodhisañña¹ka]

There was a great Bodhi festival
for the Blessed One Vipassi.
I attended that festival,
being a person who'd renounced. (1) [1542]

Taking water strewn with flowers
I poured it on the Bodhi [Tree].
"Freed, he will make [all of] us free;
Gone Out, he will make us go out." (2) [1543]

In the ninety-one aeons since
I watered that Bodhi [Tree then],
I've come to know no bad rebirth:
the fruit of Bodhi-perception. (3) [1544]

When thirty-three aeons had passed
there were eight wheel-turning kings,
lords over men who were [all then]
known as Udakāsecchana.² (4) [1545]

The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (5) [1546]

Thus indeed Venerable Bodhisañña¹ka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Bodhisañña¹ka Thera is finished.

¹"Bodhi-[Tree]-Perceiver"

²"Sweetener of the Water"