

Legends of the Buddhist Saints

Apadānapāli

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Piyālapupphiya

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[237. Piyālapupphiya¹]

I was a deer-hunter back then,
within a grove in the forest.
Having seen a *piyal*² flower
I tossed it on the traveled road.³ (1) [2450]

In the thirty-one aeons since
I did *pūjā* [with] that flower,
I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:
that’s the fruit of Buddha-*pūjā*. (2) [2451]

The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (3) [2452]

Thus indeed Venerable Piyālapupphiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Piyālapupphiya Thera is finished.

¹“*Piyal* flower-er”

²*piyāla* (Sinh. *piyal*) is *buchanania latifolia*.

³this could mean the road traveled by the hunter, but given the indication that this was a very meritorious act, more likely the implication is, “tossed it on the road which the Buddha [who thirty-one aeons ago likely would have been Sikhi Buddha or perhaps a Lonely Buddha] had traveled along”.