

Legends of the Buddhist Saints

Apadānapāli

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Desakittiya

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[297. Desakittiya¹]

Back then I was a brahmin man
whose name was Upasālaka.²
Seeing the World's Best One, Man-Bull,
Getting the World's Sacrifices,
plunged into the woods, the forest,
I worshipped [the Buddha's] feet [there].
Discerning my mental pleasure,
the Buddha disappeared [right there]. (1-2) [2701-2702]

Having come out of the forest,
I called to mind the Best Buddha.
Proclaiming that to the region,
I joyed an aeon in heaven. (3) [2703]

In the ninety-two aeons since
I proclaimed that to the region,
I've come to know no bad rebirth:
that is the fruit of proclaiming. (4) [2704]

The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (4) [2705]

Thus indeed Venerable Desakittiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Desakittiya Thera is finished.

¹"Proclaimer in the Region"

²"Junior Brother-in-Law"