

Javahaṅsaka

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On Candabhāgā River’s bank
 I was a forester back then.
 I saw the Buddha, Siddhattha,
 traveling across the sky [there]. (1) [2565]

Raising my hands pressed together,
 gazing upon the Sage so Great,
 bringing pleasure to [my] own heart
 I gave the Leader reverence. (2) [2566]

In the ninety-four aeons since
 I revered the Bull Among Men,
 I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:
 that is the fruit of reverence. (3) [2567]

The four analytical modes,
 and these eight deliverances,
 six special knowledges mastered,
 [I have] done what the Buddha taught! (4) [2568]

Thus indeed Venerable Javahaṅsaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Javahaṅsaka Thera is finished.

¹“Speedy Swan-er,” apparently an allusion to the Buddha’s movement across the sky, the witnessing of which serves as this monk’s foundational good deed.