

Salalapupphiya

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[268. Saḷalapupphiya¹]

On Candabhāgā River’s bank
I was a *kinnara*² back then.
I saw the Buddha, Vipassi,
Surrounded by³ a Net of Rays. (1) [2569]

Happy, with pleasure in [my] heart,
and [filled] with supreme joyfulness,
taking a *saḷala* flower,
I strew [it before] Vipassi. (2) [2570]

In the ninety-one aeons since
I did *pūjā* [with] that flower,
I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:
that’s the fruit of Buddha-*pūjā*. (3) [2571]

The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (4) [2572]

Thus indeed Venerable Saḷalapupphiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Saḷalapupphiya Thera is finished.

¹“Saḷala-Flower-er”. BJTS reads *salala*°. BJTS Sinh.gloss = *hora* = “large timber tree yielding resin and oil, *Dipterocarpus zeylanicus* (*Dipterocarp.*)” (Bot. dict.)

²The *kinnara* (Sinh. *kandura*) has a human head and a horse’s body; “centaur”.

³lit., “mixed up with,” “confused with” “jumbled with”