

# Sattapadumiya

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**[314. Sattapadumiya<sup>1</sup>]**

I was a brahmin, Nesāda,<sup>2</sup>  
dwelling on a riverbank [then].  
I swept out the hermitage [there,]  
with lotus flowers [as my broom]. (1) [2781]

Seeing the Golden Sambuddha,  
Siddhattha, Leader of the World,  
traveling through the forest [once]  
I felt a feeling of delight.<sup>3</sup> (2) [2782]

Going to meet the Sambuddha,  
Siddhattha, Leader of the World,  
I brought him to the hermitage  
and spread lotuses and lilies.<sup>4</sup> (3) [2783]

In the ninety-four aeons since  
I did *pūjā* [with] that flower,  
I've come to know no bad rebirth:  
that's the fruit of Buddha-*pūjā*. (4) [2784]

In the seventh aeon ago  
there were four Pādapāvaras,<sup>5</sup>  
wheel-turning monarchs with great strength,  
possessors of the seven gems. (5) [2785]

The four analytical modes,  
and these eight deliverances,  
six special knowledges mastered,  
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (6) [2786]

Thus indeed Venerable Sattapadumiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Sattapadumiya Thera is finished.

<sup>1</sup>“Seven Lotus-er.” This spelling follows BJTS; PTS reads *Sattapaduminya*, “Seven Lotus Ponds,” which the context does not support.

<sup>2</sup>“Hunter,” also the name of a low caste

<sup>3</sup>lit., “Joy [or laughter] came into being for me”

<sup>4</sup>lit., “excellent water-born flowers”

<sup>5</sup>“Excellent Trees”