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Homage to the Blessed One, the Worthy One, the Perfectly Enlightened One

In the Minor Collection

The Chronicle of the Buddhas

1. The Section on the Jewel Walk

- 1.** Brahmā, the lord of the world, Sahampati, with joined palms, requested the Blessed One;
"There are beings here with little dust in their eyes, teach the Dhamma, have compassion on this generation."
- 2.** For the one accomplished in true knowledge and conduct, such a one, the resplendent one, bearing his final body;
For the Truth-finder, the matchless one, compassion arose towards all beings.
- 3.** "These together with gods and humans do not know what kind of Buddha this highest of men is;
What kind of power of supernormal abilities and what kind of power of wisdom, what kind of Buddha's power for the welfare of the world.
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What kind of power of supernormal abilities and what kind of power of wisdom, what kind of Buddha's power for the welfare of the world.
- 5.** "Come, I will show the unsurpassed power of the Buddha;
I will create a walking path, adorned with jewels in the sky."
- 6.** The terrestrial, the Mahārājika, the Tāvatiṃsa, the Yāma gods and the Tusita and the Nimmita;
The Paranimmita and also those belonging to the company of Brahmās, delighted, made a great sound.
- 7.** And the earth together with the gods was illumined, and the many world-interstices uncovered;
And the dense darkness was then destroyed, having seen the wonderful miracle.
- 8.** In the world with its gods, gandhabbas, humans, and demons, a lofty and extensive radiance arose;
In this world and the other, in both, below and above and across, spread out.

- 9.** The highest of beings, the Blessed One, the great leader, the Teacher was worshipped by gods and humans;
Of great might, possessing the signs of innumerable merits, he showed a wonderful miracle.
- 10.** He, the one with vision, asked by the best of gods, having considered the benefit, then the highest of men;
The leader of the world created a walking path, well finished, fashioned from all kinds of jewels.
- 11.** And supernormal power, prophesy, and instruction - the Blessed One was a master in the three miracles;
The leader of the world created a walking path, well finished, fashioned from all kinds of jewels.
- 12.** In the ten-thousandfold world system, upon the highest Sineru mountains;
He showed, like pillars in succession, a walking path made of jewels.
- 13.** Having passed beyond the ten-thousand world-system, the Conqueror created a walking path;
With sides entirely made of gold, on the walking path made of jewels.
- 14.** With matching pairs of cross-beams, covered with golden planks;
The railing entirely of gold, created on both sides.
- 15.** Strewn with sand of gems and pearls, created, made of jewels;
It illuminates all directions, like the risen sun.
- 16.** On that walking path, the wise one, bearing the thirty-two excellent characteristics;
Shining, the Perfectly Enlightened One, the Conqueror walked on the walking path.
- 17.** Divine mandārava flowers, lotuses, and coral tree blossoms;
They scatter on the walking path, all the gods assembled.
- 18.** The hosts of gods see him, the ten-thousand world-system delighted;
Paying homage they assemble, satisfied, joyful and delighted.
- 19.** The Thirty-three and the Yāma, and the Tusita deities too;
The gods who delight in creation, those gods who wield power;

With elated minds, glad, they see the leader of the world.
- 20.** Gods, gandhabbas, humans, demons, serpents, supaṇṇas, and also kinnaras;
They see him, the compassionate one for the world's welfare, like the very high-risen disc of the moon in the sky.
- 21.** The Radiant, the Beautiful, the Vehapphala, and the Akaniṭṭha deities;
Wearing very pure white garments, they stand with joined palms.

- 22.** They release flowers of five colours, mandārava flowers mixed with sandalwood powder;
They wave cloths in the sky then, "Oh, the Conqueror, compassionate for the world's welfare!"
- 23.** "You are the Teacher and the banner, the flag and the sacrificial post for living beings;
The ultimate goal and the support, the island and the best of bipeds.
- 24.** "The deities of great supernormal power, from the ten-thousand-fold world system;
Having surrounded him, they pay homage, satisfied, joyful and delighted.
- 25.** "Deities and heavenly maidens, devoted, with satisfied minds;
With five-coloured flowers, they venerate the lord of men.
- 26.** "The hosts of gods see him, devoted, with satisfied minds;
With five-coloured flowers, they venerate the lord of men.
- 27.** "Oh, how wonderful in the world, marvellous, hair-raising;
Never before have I seen such a marvel, hair-raising."
- 28.** Having sat down in their own abodes, the deities;
They laugh a great laugh, having seen the marvel in the sky.
- 29.** Those situated in the sky and those situated on the ground, dwellers in grass and on paths;
With joined palms they pay homage, satisfied, joyful and delighted.
- 30.** Even those serpents who are long-lived, possessing merit, of great supernormal power;
Delighted, they pay homage, they venerate the highest among men.
- 31.** They perform musical concerts, in the sky, the wind-path;
They play leather-bound drums, having seen the marvel in the sky.
- 32.** Conch shells and small drums, and also many tambourines;
Are beaten in the sky, having seen the marvel in the heavens.
- 33.** "Wonderful indeed for us today, terror arose;
We shall surely obtain the accomplishment of our goal, the moment has been provided to us."
- 34.** Having heard "Buddha," joy arose in them at that very moment;
Saying "Buddha, Buddha," they stand with joined palms.
- 35.** Sounds of "hiñ," cheers of "well done," acclamation and rejoicing;
Various beings in the sky, with joined palms, engage in this.
- 36.** They sing and shout and play music, they clap their arms and dance;

They release flowers of five colours, mandārava flowers mixed with sandalwood powder.

- 37.** "Just as on your feet, O great hero, the wheel-mark,
Adorned with flag, thunderbolt, banner, crescent moon and goad.
- 38.** "In form, in morality, in concentration, and in wisdom, incomparable;
In liberation, equal to the matchless, in setting in motion the wheel of the Teaching.
- 39.** "The power of ten elephants in body, your natural power;
Matchless in supernormal power, in setting in motion the wheel of the Teaching.
- 40.** "Thus endowed with all virtues, possessed of all qualities;
Pay homage to the great sage, the compassionate one, the lord of the world.
- 41.** "Paying respect and praise, homage and commendation;
Veneration and worship, all this you deserve.
- 42.** "Whoever in the world are worthy of reverence, whoever deserve homage;
O great hero, foremost of all, none equal to you is found."
- 43.** "Sāriputta of great wisdom, skilled in concentration and meditative absorption;
Standing right there on the Vulture's Peak, sees the leader of the world.
- 44.** Like a fully blossomed king of sal trees, like the moon in the sky;
Like the midday sun, she looked upon the lord of men.
- 45.** Like a blazing lamp post, like a young sun risen;
Brightened by the fathom-wide radiance, he sees the wise one, the leader of the world.
- 46.** "Of five hundred monks, such ones who had fulfilled their obligations,
Who had eliminated the mental corruptions, spotless ones, he convoked in a moment.
- 47.** "He displayed the miracle called 'Inspiring Confidence in the World';
We too, having gone there, will pay homage to the Conqueror."
- 48.** "Come, let us all go, we will ask the Conqueror;
We will dispel doubt, having seen the leader of the world."
- 49.** Having replied "Good!", prudent, with controlled faculties,
Taking their bowls and robes, they approached in haste.
- 50.** With those who have eliminated the mental corruptions, with the unstained,
with the tamed in the highest taming;
Sāriputta of great wisdom approached by supernormal power.
- 51.** Surrounded by those monks, Sāriputta, having many followers;

Sporting like a god in the sky, approached by supernormal power.

- 52.** Disregarding coughing and sneezing, the virtuous ones;
Respectful and deferential, approached the Enlightened by himself.
- 53.** Having approached, they see the Self-Become One, the leader of the world;
The wise one risen high in the sky, like the moon in the heavens.
- 54.** Like a blazing lamp post, like lightning in the sky;
Like the midday sun, they see the leader of the world.
- 55.** All five hundred monks see the leader of the world;
Clear like a lake, like a fully blossomed lotus.
- 56.** Having raised their joined palms, satisfied, joyful and delighted;
Paying homage they fall down, at the wheel-characteristic of the Teacher.
- 57.** Sāriputta of great wisdom, similar to the koraṇḍa flower;
Skilled in concentration and meditative absorption, pays homage to the leader of the world.
- 58.** Like a thundering dark cloud, similar in appearance to a blue water-lily;
Matchless in supernormal power, Moggallāna of great supernormal power.
- 59.** And the elder Mahākassapa, resembling molten gold;
Placed foremost in the virtues of ascetic practice, praised and extolled by the Teacher.
- 60.** He who is foremost among those with the divine eye, Anuruddha, having many followers;
The foremost kinsman of the Blessed One, stands not far away.
- 61.** Skilled in offence and non-offence, in what is curable;
Placed foremost in the monastic discipline, Upāli was praised by the Teacher.
- 62.** Having penetrated subtle and refined meaning, the most excellent among speakers, one with a following;
A sage, son of Mantāṇī, renowned by the name Puṇṇa.
- 63.** Having understood the minds of these, the sage skilled in similes;
The great hero, cutter of uncertainty, spoke of his own virtues.
- 64.** "Those four are incalculable, whose limit is not known;
The totality of beings and space, and world-circles are infinite;
The Buddha's knowledge is immeasurable, these cannot be understood.
- 65.** "What is this wonder in the world, that is my miraculous transformation;
There are many other wonders, marvels that cause hair to stand on end.
- 66.** "When I was in the Tusita realm, I was named Santusita then;
The ten-thousand world-system having assembled, they request me with

joined palms.

- 67.** "The time has come for you, O great hero, having been born in your mother's womb;
Helping the world with its gods to cross over, awaken to the Deathless state.'
- 68.** "Having passed away from the Tusita realm, when he descended into the womb;
The ten-thousandfold world system, the earth trembled then.
- 69.** "When I came forth from my mother's womb, fully aware;
They uttered applause, the ten-thousand world-system quaked.
- 70.** "In conception there is none equal to me, in birth and in going forth;
In highest enlightenment I am the best, in setting in motion the wheel of the Teaching.
- 71.** "Oh, how wonderful in the world, the greatness of the Buddhas' virtues;
The ten-thousandfold world system quaked in six ways;
And there was a great light, a marvel, hair-raising."
- 72.** The Blessed One at that time, the elder of the world, the lord of men;
Showing to the world with its gods, the Conqueror walked by supernormal power.
- 73.** While walking up and down on the walking path, the leader of the world spoke;
He does not turn back midway, just as on a walking path of four cubits.
- 74.** Sāriputta of great wisdom, skilled in concentration and meditative absorption;
Having attained perfection in wisdom, asks the leader of the world.
- 75.** "What was your resolution like, O great hero, O best of men;
At what time, O wise one, was the highest enlightenment aspired to by you?
- 76.** "What kind of giving, morality, and renunciation, what kind of wisdom and energy;
What kind of patience, truth, and determination, what kind of friendliness and equanimity.
- 77.** "The ten perfections by you, O wise one, of what kind, O lord of the world;
How are the minor perfections fulfilled, how the supreme perfections?"
- 78.** Asked, he explained, he whose voice is sweet like the Indian cuckoo;
Cooling the heart, gladdening the world with its gods.
- 79.** What was taught by the Conquerors, the Buddhas of the past, what was enacted, come down through the lineage of Buddhas;
He made known for the welfare of the world with its gods, through higher intelligence that followed past lives.
- 80.** "Generating joy and gladness, removing the dart of sorrow;

The attainment of all success, with respect listen to me.

- 81.** "Crushing vanity, dispelling sorrow, liberating from the round of rebirths;
The path to the destruction of all suffering, practise it attentively."

The Chapter on the Jewel Walking Path is concluded.



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