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- 1.** After Sujāta, the self-become one, the leader of the world;
Difficult to approach, equal to the matchless, Piyadassī of great fame.
- 2.** That Buddha too, of immeasurable fame, shines like the sun;
Having destroyed all darkness, he set in motion the wheel of the Teaching.
- 3.** For him too, of incomparable power, there were three full realisations;
There was the first full realisation for a hundred thousand koṭis.
- 4.** Sudassana, the king of gods, delighted in wrong view;
Dispelling his view, the Teacher taught the Dhamma.
- 5.** The gathering of people was unequalled, a great assembly then;
For ninety thousand crores, there was the second full realisation.
- 6.** When the trainer of men trained the elephant Doṇamukha;
For eighty thousand crores, there was the third full realisation.
- 7.** There were three assemblies of that Piyadassī too;
The first meeting was of a hundred thousand koṭis.
- 8.** Thereafter ninety crores of sages met together as one;
At the third assembly, there were eighty crores.
- 9.** I at that time, a brahmin named Kassapa;
A reciter, a bearer of sacred texts, one who has gone beyond the three Vedas.
- 10.** Having heard his Teaching, I generated confidence;
With a hundred thousand koṭis, I had a monastery built for the Community.
- 11.** Having given him a park, joyful, with an agitated mind;
I firmly undertook the refuges and the five precepts.
- 12.** That Buddha too declared of me, having sat down in the midst of the
Community;
"In eighteen hundred cosmic cycles, this one will be a Buddha.
- 13.** "Having striven in striving, etc. we shall be face to face with him."
- 14.** Having heard his word too, I gladdened my mind even more;
I determined upon further ascetic practice, for the fulfilment of the ten
perfections.

- 15.** The city was named Sudhañña, the warrior was named Sudatta;
Candā was the name of the mother, of the Teacher Piyadassī.
- 16.** For nine thousand years, he dwelt in the house;
Sunimmala, Vimala, and Giriguhā, three excellent mansions.
- 17.** Thirty-three thousand women, fully adorned;
Vimalā was the name of that woman, and Kañcanāveḷa was her son.
- 18.** Having seen the four signs, he departed by chariot vehicle;
For six months the striving conduct, the highest of men practised.
- 19.** Asked by Brahmā, the peaceful one, Piyadassī, the great sage;
The great hero turned the wheel, at the delightful Usabha park.
- 20.** Pālita and Sabbadassī were the chief disciples;
Sobhita by name was the attendant of the Teacher Piyadassī.
- 21.** Sujātā and Dhammadinnā were the chief female disciples;
The enlightenment tree of that Blessed One is called the kakudha tree.
- 22.** Sandhaka and Dhammaka were the chief male attendants;
Visākhā and Dhammadinnā were the chief female attendants.
- 23.** That Buddha too, of immeasurable fame, bearing the thirty-two excellent characteristics;
Eighty cubits in height, he appears like a king of sal trees.
- 24.** Of fire, moon and sun, there is no such radiance;
As was the radiance of that matchless great sage.
- 25.** The life span of that god of gods was just so much;
For ninety thousand years, the one with vision stood in the world.
- 26.** That Buddha too, equal to the matchless, those pairs too incomparable;
All that has disappeared, are not all activities empty?
- 27.** Piyadassī, the excellent sage, attained final Nibbāna at the Assattha park;
Right there is the stūpa of the Conqueror, three yojanas in height.

The lineage of the Blessed One Piyadassī is thirteenth.



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