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- 1.** After Siddhattha, matchless, without equal;
Of infinite power, of immeasurable fame, Tissa, the chief leader of the world.
- 2.** Having dispelled the darkness of ignorance, having illuminated the world with
its gods;
The compassionate great hero, the one with vision, arose in the world.
- 3.** His supernormal power too was incomparable, incomparable were his morality
and concentration;
Having gone to perfection in all respects, he set in motion the wheel of the
Teaching.
- 4.** That Buddha, in the ten thousand world systems, proclaimed the pure word;
Hundreds of koṭis fully realised, at the first teaching of the Dhamma.
- 5.** The second was of ninety koṭis, the third of sixty koṭis;
He released beings from bondage, men and deities, then.
- 6.** There were three assemblies of Tissa, the chief leader of the world;
Of those who had eliminated the mental corruptions, spotless ones, of peaceful
minds, such ones.
- 7.** The first meeting was of a hundred thousand who had eliminated the mental
corruptions;
The second meeting was of ninety hundred thousand.
- 8.** The third meeting was of eight hundred thousand,
Of those who had eliminated the mental corruptions, spotless ones, fully blown
with liberation.
- 9.** I at that time, a warrior named Sujāta;
Having abandoned great wealth, I went forth in the seer's going forth.
- 10.** When I had gone forth, the leader of the world arose;
Having heard the sound "Buddha," rapture arose in me.
- 11.** Divine mandārava flowers, lotuses, and coral tree blossoms;
Having held up with both hands, shaking them, I approached.
- 12.** Surrounded by the four castes, Tissa, the supreme leader of the world;
Having taken a flower, I held it on the head of that Conqueror.

- 13.** That Buddha too declared of me, having sat down in the midst of the people;
"Ninety-two cosmic cycles from now, this one will be a Buddha.
- 14.** "Having striven in striving, etc. we shall be face to face with him."
- 15.** Having heard his word too, I gladdened my mind even more;
I determined upon further ascetic practice, for the fulfilment of the ten
perfections.
- 16.** The city was named Khemaka, the warrior was named Janasandha;
Padumā was the name of the mother of Tissa, the great sage.
- 17.** For seven thousand years, he dwelt in the house;
Guhāsela, Nārisaya, and Nisabha, three excellent mansions.
- 18.** Thirty thousand women, fully adorned;
Subhaddā was the name of that woman, Ānanda was the name of her son.
- 19.** Having seen the four signs, he departed by horse vehicle;
For no less than eight months, the Conqueror strove in striving.
- 20.** Asked by Brahmā, the peaceful one, Tissa, the chief leader of the world;
The great hero turned the wheel, at the excellent Yasavatī.
- 21.** Brahmadeva and Udaya were the chief disciples;
Samaṅga was the name of the attendant of Tissa, the great sage.
- 22.** Phussā and Sudattā were the chief female disciples;
The enlightenment tree of that Blessed One is called the Asana tree.
- 23.** Sambala and Sirimā were the chief male attendants;
Kisāgotamī and Upasenā were the chief female attendants.
- 24.** That Buddha was sixty cubits, the Conqueror was in height;
Incomparable, matchless, he appears like the Himalaya.
- 25.** For him too, of incomparable power, his life span was unsurpassed;
For a hundred thousand years, the one with vision stood in the world.
- 26.** Having experienced the highest, the excellent, the foremost, the great fame;
Having blazed like a great mass of fire, he, together with his disciples, attained
final Nibbāna.
- 27.** Like a rain cloud by the wind, like dew by the sun;
Like darkness by a lamp, he, together with his disciples, attained final Nibbāna.
- 28.** Tissa, the supreme conqueror, the Buddha, attained final Nibbāna in Nanda
Park;
Right there is the stūpa of the Conqueror, three yojanas in height.

The lineage of the Blessed One Tissa is seventeenth.



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