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- 1.** In that very Maṇḍa cosmic cycle, matchless, without equal;
The Leader named Vessabhū by name arose in the world.
- 2.** Indeed, blazing with the fire of lust, the realm of cravings was then conquered;
Like an elephant having cut the bond, he attained the highest enlightenment.
- 3.** When Vessabhū, the leader of the world, was setting in motion the wheel of
the Teaching;
There was the first full realisation for eighty thousand koṭis.
- 4.** When the elder of the world, the lord of men, had set out on a journey in the
realm;
For seventy thousand crores, there was the second full realisation.
- 5.** Dispelling the great wrong view, he performs a miracle;
Men and deities assembled, in the ten-thousand world-system with its gods.
- 6.** Having seen a great marvel, wonderful, hair-raising;
Sixty koṭis of gods and humans awakened.
- 7.** There were three assemblies of Vessabhū, the great sage;
Of those who had eliminated the mental corruptions, spotless ones, of peaceful
minds, such ones.
- 8.** The first meeting was of eighty thousand monks;
The second meeting was of seventy thousand monks.
- 9.** The third meeting was of sixty thousand monks,
The legitimate sons of the great sage, frightened by the fear of ageing and so
on.
- 10.** I at that time, a warrior named Sudassana;
Having invited the great hero, having given a very precious gift;
With food and drink and cloth, I venerated the Conqueror together with the
Community.
- 11.** Of that matchless Buddha, the supreme wheel was set in motion;
Having heard the sublime Teaching, I delighted in the going forth.
- 12.** Having carried on the great giving, unwearied day and night;

Knowing the going forth to be accomplished in virtues, I went forth in the presence of the Conqueror.

- 13.** Accomplished in the qualities of good conduct, concentrated in duty and morality;
Seeking omniscience, I delight in the Conqueror's Dispensation.
- 14.** Having approached with faith and joy, I pay homage to the Buddha, the Teacher;
Joy arises in me, because of enlightenment itself.
- 15.** Having known his unwavering mind, the Perfectly Enlightened One said this:
"Thirty-one cosmic cycles from now, this one will be a Buddha.
- 16.** "Having gone forth from the delightful city called Kapila, etc. we shall be face to face with him."
- 17.** Having heard his word, I gladdened my mind even more;
I determined upon further ascetic practice, for the fulfilment of the ten perfections.
- 18.** The city was named Anoma, the warrior was named Suppatīta;
The mother was named Yasavatī, of Vessabhū, the great sage.
- 19.** For six thousand years, he dwelt in the house;
Ruci, Suruci, and Rativaḍḍhana, three excellent mansions.
- 20.** No less than thirty thousand women, fully adorned;
Sucittā was the name of that woman, Suppabuddha was her son.
- 21.** Having seen the four signs, he departed by palanquin;
For six months the striving conduct, the highest of men practised.
- 22.** Asked by Brahmā, the peaceful one, Vessabhū, the leader of the world;
The great hero turned the wheel, at Aruṇa's park, the highest of men.
- 23.** Soṇa and Uttara were the chief disciples;
Upasanta by name was the attendant of Vessabhū, the great sage.
- 24.** Rāmā and Samālā were the chief female disciples;
The enlightenment tree of that Blessed One is called the great sal tree.
- 25.** Sotthika and Rambha were the chief male attendants;
Gotamī and Sirimā were the chief female attendants.
- 26.** Sixty cubits in height, like a golden sacrificial post;
Rays emanate from his body, like fire on a mountain at night.
- 27.** Sixty thousand years was the life span of that great sage;
Remaining for that long, he helped many people to cross.

- 28.** Having made the Teaching widespread, having classified the great multitude;
Having established the boat of the Dhamma, he, together with his disciples,
attained final Nibbāna.
- 29.** Beautiful to behold was all the people, the dwelling, the deportment;
All that has disappeared, are not all activities empty?
- 30.** Vessabhū, the supreme conqueror, the Teacher, attained final Nibbāna in
Khemā Park;
There was a wide-spread distribution of relics in those various regions.

The lineage of the Blessed One Vessabhū is twenty-first.



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