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- 1.** I am now the Perfectly Enlightened One, Gotama, increaser of the Sakyas;
Having striven in striving, I attained the highest enlightenment.
- 2.** Asked by Brahmā, the peaceful one, I set in motion the wheel of the Teaching;
There was the first full realisation for eighteen koṭis.
- 3.** Then also, while he was teaching, at the assembly of humans and gods;
The second full realisation was not to be told by counting.
- 4.** Right here I now exhorted my own son;
The third full realisation was not to be told by counting.
- 5.** There was one assembly for me, of disciples, great sages;
A meeting of one thousand two hundred and fifty monks.
- 6.** Shining, spotless, in the midst of the Community of monks;
I give all that is wished for, like a gem that grants all desires.
- 7.** For those longing for fruition, for those seeking to abandon desire for
becoming;
I make known the four truths, out of compassion for living beings.
- 8.** There was the full realisation of the teaching for ten and twenty thousand;
The full realisations of one or two are incalculable by counting.
- 9.** Widespread, known to many, prosperous, flourishing, fully blossomed;
Here the Dispensation of the Sage of the Sakyans was well purified by me.
- 10.** Without mental corruptions, without lust, with peaceful minds, concentrated;
Monks, many hundreds, all surround me always.
- 11.** Now those who at present, give up human existence;
Trainees who have not attained their goal, those monks are censured by the
wise.
- 12.** And praising the noble, people always devoted to the Teaching;
The mindful ones, gone into the stream of saṃsāra, will understand.
- 13.** My city was Kapilavatthu, King Suddhodana was my father;
My mother who gave me birth is called Queen Māyā.
- 14.** For twenty-nine years, I dwelt in the house;
Ramma, Suramma, and Subhaka, three excellent mansions.

- 15.** Forty thousand women, fully adorned;
Bhaddakañcānā was the name of that woman, Rāhula was her son.
- 16.** Having seen the four signs, I departed by horse vehicle;
For six years I practised the striving conduct, hard to do.
- 17.** At Bārāṇasī in Isipatana, the wheel was set in motion by me;
I am the Gotama, the Self-awakened One, the refuge of all living beings.
- 18.** Kolita and Upatissa, the two monks who were the chief disciples;
Ānanda by name was the attendant, one who kept near to me;

Khemā and Uppalavaṇṇā, the nuns who were the chief female disciples.
- 19.** Citta and Hatthaka of Āḷavī, the chief male attendant lay followers;
Nanda's mother and Uttarā, the chief female attendant lay followers.
- 20.** At the root of the Bodhi tree, I attained the highest enlightenment;
The halo always around me, risen up to sixteen cubits.
- 21.** Little is the life span of a hundred years, that is found nowadays;
Remaining for that long, I help many people to cross over.
- 22.** Having established the torch of the Teaching, the final enlightenment of the
people;
I too, before long, together with the Community of disciples;
Right here I shall attain final Nibbāna, like a fire through the exhaustion of
fuel.
- 23.** And those incomparable powers, and these ten powers;
And this body bearing virtues, adorned with the thirty-two excellent
characteristics.
- 24.** Having illuminated the ten directions, like the sun with its six radiances;
All that will disappear, are not all activities empty?

The lineage of the Blessed One Gotama is twenty-fifth.



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