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- 44.** Who will discern this earth, and this world of the dead including the gods;
Who will select the well-expounded passage of the Teaching, like a skilled
person a flower.
- 45.** A trainee will discern this earth, and this world of the dead including the gods;
A trainee will select the well-expounded passage of the Teaching, like a skilled
person a flower.
- 46.** Having understood this body to be like foam, awakening to its mirage-like
nature;
Having cut off Māra's flower-tipped arrows, one should go beyond the sight of
the King of Death.
- 47.** The man who is picking flowers, with mind attached,
Death takes him away, as a great flood a sleeping village.
- 48.** The man who is picking flowers, with mind attached,
Unsatisfied in sensual pleasures, Death brings under his control.
- 49.** Just as a bee, without harming the flower's colour and scent,
Departs having taken the nectar, so should a sage wander in the village.
- 50.** One should not look at the faults of others, nor at what others have done or
left undone;
One should consider only oneself, what one has done and left undone.
- 51.** Just as a beautiful flower, colourful but scentless;
So well-spoken words are fruitless for one who does not practise them.
- 52.** Just as a beautiful flower, colourful and fragrant;
So well-spoken words are fruitful for one who practises them.
- 53.** Just as from a heap of flowers, one might make many garlands;
So by a mortal born, much wholesome should be done.
- 54.** The odour of flowers does not go against the wind, nor sandalwood, tagara, or
jasmine;
But the odour of the good goes against the wind, a good person pervades all
directions.
- 55.** Sandalwood or tagara, water lily and also jasmine;
Of these kinds of odours, the odour of morality is unsurpassed.

- 56.** This odour is insignificant, which is of tagara and sandal-wood;
But the odour of the moral ones, blows as the highest among the gods.
- 57.** For those accomplished in morality, dwelling in diligence,
Completely liberated through final knowledge, Māra does not find the path.
- 58.** Just as on a rubbish heap, cast away on the highway;
A lotus might grow there, fragrant and delightful.
- 59.** Thus among those who have become like refuse, among the blind worldlings;
The disciple of the Perfectly Enlightened One outshines them with wisdom.

The Chapter on Flowers is concluded as fourth.



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