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- 1.** After Koṇḍañña, the Leader named Maṅgala;
Having dispelled the darkness in the world, he held aloft the torch of the Dhamma.
- 2.** His radiance was incomparable, surpassing the other Conquerors;
Having overcome the radiance of the moon and sun, the ten-thousand world-system shines brightly.
- 3.** That Buddha too made known the four highest excellent truths;
Those who, having drunk the flavour of truth, dispel the great darkness.
- 4.** Having attained the incomparable enlightenment, at the first teaching of the Dhamma;
There was the full realisation of the teaching for a hundred thousand koṭis.
- 5.** In the abode of Surinda, the god, the Buddha taught the Dhamma;
Then of a thousand koṭis, was the second occasion.
- 6.** When Sunanda the wheel-turning monarch approached the Perfectly Enlightened One;
Then the Perfectly Enlightened One beat the drum of the Teaching, the excellent best.
- 7.** The populace who were followers of Sunanda, then were ninety million;
All of them without remainder, were "come, monk" monks.
- 8.** There were three assemblies of the great sage Maṅgala;
The first meeting was of a hundred thousand koṭis.
- 9.** The second was of a hundred thousand koṭis, the third of ninety koṭis;
Of those who had eliminated the mental corruptions, spotless ones, then was the meeting.
- 10.** I at that time, a brahmin named Suruci;
A reciter, a bearer of sacred texts, one who has gone beyond the three Vedas.
- 11.** Having approached him, having gone for refuge to the Teacher;
I venerated the Community headed by the Enlightened by himself, with scents and garlands;
Having venerated with scents and garlands, I satisfied them with cow's milk.
- 12.** That Buddha too declared of me, Maṅgala, the best of bipeds;

"Immeasurable cosmic cycles from now, 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.** Then, cultivating joy, for the attainment of the excellent enlightenment;
Having given my house to the Buddha, I went forth in his presence.
- 16.** The discourses and also the monastic discipline, the ninefold Teacher's
instruction;
Having learnt all thoroughly, I made resplendent the Conqueror's Dispensation.
- 17.** There, dwelling diligent, having developed the supreme meditation;
Having gone to the perfection of direct knowledge, I went to the Brahma world.
- 18.** The city was named Uttara, the warrior was named Uttara;
The mother was named Uttarā, of the great sage Maṅgala.
- 19.** For nine thousand years, he dwelt in the house;
Glorious, pure, splendid, three excellent mansions.
- 20.** Thirty thousand women, fully adorned;
Yasavatī was the name of that woman, Sīvala was her son.
- 21.** Having seen the four signs, he departed by horse vehicle;
For no less than eight months, the Conqueror strove in striving.
- 22.** Asked by Brahmā, the peaceful one, the Leader named Maṅgala;
The great hero turned the wheel, in the forest, the excellent and glorious.
- 23.** Sudeva and Dhammasena were the chief disciples;
Pālita by name was the attendant of the great sage Maṅgala.
- 24.** Sīvalā and Asokā were the chief female disciples;
The enlightenment tree of that Blessed One is called the ironwood tree.
- 25.** Nanda and Visākha were the chief male attendants;
Anulā and Sutanā were the chief female attendants.
- 26.** Eighty-eight ratanas, very high, the great sage;
From him radiated rays, many hundreds of thousands.
- 27.** For ninety thousand years, life span exists for that long;
Remaining for that long, he helped many people to cross.
- 28.** Just as waves in the ocean, they cannot be counted;
So too his disciples, they cannot be counted.

- 29.** As long as the Perfectly Enlightened One stood, Maṅgala, the leader of the world;
There was no death with defilements then in his Dispensation.
- 30.** Having held aloft the torch of the Dhamma, having helped the great multitude cross over;
Having blazed like a fire, he, of great fame, attained final Nibbāna.
- 31.** Having shown the intrinsic nature of activities to the world with its gods;
Having blazed like a great mass of fire, just as the sun has passed away.
- 32.** In the park named Vassara, the Buddha Maṅgala attained Nibbāna;
Right there is the stūpa of the Conqueror, thirty yojanas in height.

The lineage of the Blessed One Maṅgala is third.



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