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- 1.** They stand outside the walls, and at junctions and crossroads;
They stand by the door-posts, having come to their own home.
- 2.** When food and drink are abundant, when solid food and edibles are at hand;
No one remembers those beings, because of their kamma.
- 3.** Thus they give to relatives, those who are compassionate;
Pure, superior, in proper time, allowable drink and food;
"May this be for your relatives, may the relatives be happy."
- 4.** And they, having come together there, the deceased relatives assembled;
When food and drink are abundant, they give thanks attentively.
- 5.** "May our relatives live long, because of whom we receive;
And veneration has been made to us, and the donors are not without fruit."
- 6.** For there is no farming there, cow-keeping is not found;
There is no such trade, buying and selling with gold;
By what is given from here they sustain themselves, the deceased ghosts there.
- 7.** Just as water rained upon high ground flows down to the low ground;
Just so what is given from here is beneficial to the ghosts.
- 8.** Just as full water-carriers fill the ocean;
Just so what is given from here is beneficial to the ghosts.
- 9.** "He gave to me, he did for me, relatives, friends and companions to me";
One should give offerings to the departed, recollecting what was done before.
- 10.** For neither weeping nor sorrow, nor any other lamentation;
Is for the benefit of the departed, thus do relatives remain.
- 11.** And this offering given, well established in the monastic community;
For a long time for his welfare, with reason it is beneficial.
- 12.** This duty to relatives has been pointed out, and lofty veneration has been
made to the ghosts;
And strength has been given to the monks, much merit has been produced by
you.

The Discourse on Those Outside the Walls is concluded.



ABOUT THIS TRANSLATION

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