

14. Mora Parittam

The Bodhisatta-Peacock's Prayer for Protection

Udet'ayam cakkhumā ekarājā – Harissavaṇṇo paṭhavippabhāso

Tam tam namassāmi harissavaṇṇam paṭhavippabhāsam. Tay'ajja guttā
viharemu divasam.

The sun, the one king with eyes, rises, ♦ spreading golden rays, ♦ and
illuminating the great earth. I pay homage to you ♦ the sun, spreading golden
rays, ♦ and illuminating the great earth. Guarded today by you, ♦ may I live
through the day.

Ye brāhmaṇā vedagū sabbadhamme – Te me namo te ca mam pālayantu
Namatthu Buddhānam namatthu bodhiyā – Namō vimuttānam namo
vimuttiyā.

Those Arahants who are knowers of all truths, ♦ I pay homage to them. May
they keep watch over me. Homage to the Enlightened Ones. Homage to the
Four-fold Enlightenment. Homage to the Liberated Ones. ♦ Homage to their
Liberation.

Imam so parittam katvā moro carati esanā.

Having made this protection, ♦ the Bodhisatta-peacock sets out in search of food.

Apet'ayam cakkhumā ekarājā – Harissavaṇṇo paṭhavippabhāso

Tam tam namassāmi harissavaṇṇam paṭhavippabhāsam. Tay'ajja guttā
viharemu rattim.

The sun, the one king with eyes, ♦ descends, spreading golden rays, ♦ and
illuminating the great earth. I pay homage to you ♦ the sun, spreading golden
rays, ♦ and illuminating the great earth. Guarded today by you, ♦ may I live
through the night.

Ye brāhmaṇā vedagu sabbadhamme – Te me namo te ca mam pālayantu.

Namatthu Buddhānam namatthu bodhiyā – Namō vimuttānam namo vimuttiyā

Those Arahants who are knowers of all truths, ♦ I pay homage to them. May
they keep watch over me. Homage to the Enlightened Ones. Homage to the
Four-fold Enlightenment. Homage to the Liberated Ones. Homage to their
Liberation.

Imam so parittam katvā moro vāsamakappayīti.

Having made this protection, ♦ the Bodhisatta-peacock lived happily.

Etena saccena suvatthi hotu!

By this truth, may there be well-being!