SANBUTSUGE

The gāthā SANBUTSUGE comes from *The Larger Sūtra of Immeasureable Life*. It is the praises voiced by Bodhisattva Dharmākara to the Buddha Lokeśvrarāja.

In these praises Dharmākara expresses his own desire to attain Buddhahood and his heartfelt determination to accomplish his goal for the sake of saving all sentient beings.

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NYO ZE EN MYŌ
MU YO TŌ SHA

NICHI GATSU MA NI SHŪ KŌ EN NYŌ KAI SHITSU ON PEI YŪ NYAKU JU MOKU

The light of your face is unsurpassed in majesty, your awesome greatness is beyond limit, a brightly shining flame with no equal.

Next to your brilliance, even the brightness of sun, moon, and *Mani* jewel seem covered in black ink.

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SHŌ GAKU DAI ON

KŌ RU JIP PŌ

KAI MON SHŌ JIN

SAN MAI CHI E

I TOKU MU RYO

SHU SHŌ KE U

Tathāgata's transcendent appearance has no comparison in all the world. The whole universe vibrates with the great sound of your enlightenment.

Your rare and superior virtues . . .

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JIN TAI ZEN NEN
SHO BUTSU HŌ KAI
GU JIN JIN NŌ
KU GO GAI TAI

MU MYŌ YOKU NU
SE SON YŌ MU
NIN nO SHI SHI
JIN TOKU MU RYŌ

... of wisdom, understanding, deep meditation, and strength of endeavor are awesome, beyond comparison.

Your meditation to the innermost depths of all the Buddha Dharma oceans is without limit, bringing full understanding.

Ignorance, greed, and anger do not reside in the World-Honored One, the Man of Lion. Your noble virtues are immeasureable.

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KU KUN KŌ DAI
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KŌ MYŌ I SŌ
SHIN DŌ DAI SEN

GAN GA SA BUTSU

ZAI SHŌ HŌ Ō

KA DO SHŌ JI

MI FU GE DATSU

Your meritorious service is vast and great, the depths of your wisdom profound. Your majestic appearance of light illumines the entire universe.

When I (Dharmākara Bodhisattva) become a Buddha equal to the Dharma King, I vow to transcend life and death and free all beings.

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Among virtues of Dāna, readiness, discipline, patience, and endeavor, the highest shall be deep meditation and wisdom.

I will become a Buddha and completely fulfill my vow. I will bring great peace to all who are in doubt or fear.

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FU NYO GU DŌ
KEN SHŌ FU GYAKU

Even though there are a myriad Buddhas and sages as numerous as the sands of the Ganges, and I were to offer homage to them all, it is still better for me to be faithful and strong, in seeking the true Path, never retreating. は如ぶ佛ふ不 は数ご恒せせか可かり 世外が界 げ計ど土

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BU FU KA GE
MU SHU SETSU DO

KŌ MYŌ SHIS SHŌ
HEN SHI SHO KOKU
NYO ZE SHŌ JIN
I IIN NAN RYŌ

The Buddha worlds, also innumerable as the Ganges sands, will be completely illuminated by my shining light. The strength of my effort in this endeavor is beyond measure.

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RYŌ GA SA BUTSU

KOKU DO DAI ICHI

GO SHU KI MYŌ

DŌ JŌ CHŌ ZETSU

KOKU NYO NAI ON

NI MU TŌ SŌ

GA TŌ AI MIN

DO DATSU IS SAI

When I become a Buddha, my land will be the finest. All the beings there will be exquisitely beautiful.

My country will be like Nirvāṇa, a place of practice, transcendent beyond words, without equal. In my compassion I will enlighten all.

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ZE GA SHIN SHŌ

HOTSU GAN nO HI

RIKI SHŌ SHŌ YOKU

Beings will come from the ten directions to be born in my country. They will be pure, their minds filled with gladness. Those in my pleasant country will be peaceful and at ease.

Please, dear teacher, accept this proof of my sincerity. Here I establish my vow. Through strength and endeavor I shall fulfill this desire.

KE RYŌ SHIN SHI IIP PŌ SE SON MU SHO KU DOKU CHŪ CHI E GE JŌ RYŌ SHI SON GA GYŌ SHŌ JIN LONG CHI GA SHIN GYŌ NIN IU FU KE

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The wisdom of all the Buddhas of the ten directions is unimpeded. May they always know my intent.

Even though my body may undergo many sufferings and much pain, I shall never cease in my efforts. Whatever I must bear, I shall have no regrets.

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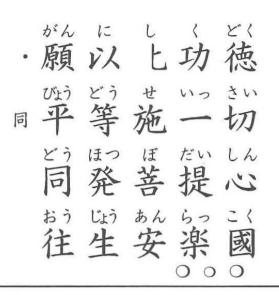
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May this merit-virtue
Be shared equally with all beings.
May we together awaken the Bodhi Mind,
And be born in the realm of Serenity and Joy.