

## Viewing the holy relics of the Buddha

I pay homage to the Supreme Enlightened One who,  
by cherishing all living beings, appeared in this world  
as a Prince and then renounced his throne.

He sought the true way of life everywhere and  
although he endured countless obstacles and suffering  
his mind remained resolute.

For six years he lived in a dangerous cave, deep in the highest mountains  
where he practiced self-mortification,  
just as others have done in the past and will do in the future.

When completing his practice he swept away all mental defilements  
and when seeing the great star  
he attained the highest enlightenment of Buddhahood.

For fifty years he delivered the teachings and countless living beings  
attained enlightenment and freedom from suffering.

Countless people travelled across the suffering ocean to the peaceful world.

When seeing that his words were complete  
and his teachings had spread across the world

he entered the Sa-la forest and left his relics for future generations.

If one has the good fortune to see his relics and pay homage to them  
you will receive the same good opportunity as being born in the time of the Buddha.

Today we have the most fortunate opportunity that the holy relics of the  
Buddha have been brought to Australia so that everyone can view and venerate them.

We prostrate before the Enlightened One and pray that with this merit we advanced on the Buddha's path.

Soon we will go back to our native land and escape from the endless lives  
of floating in the vast sea of birth and rebirth (Samsara).

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