



Sādhu! Sādhu! oh Bodhi Tree King

Bodhi Vandana

1. Apagē gautama muni^Ndu upan dā—poḷoven matuvuṇa bō rajunē

The day our sage Gautama [Supreme Buddha] was born you, oh Bodhi Tree King, sprouted from the earth.

Gautama muni^Nduṭa sevaṇaḷi suva dun—vaḷākulak vāni bō rajunē

You, oh Bodhi Tree King, like a cloud gave comfort with your shade to the sage Gautama [Supreme Buddha].

Gautama muni^Nduge sambudu balayen—lōva vāḍasiṭinā bō rajunē

You exist in the world by the power of the sage Gautama Supreme Buddha, oh Bodhi Tree King.

Dōta nagā hisa sādu kiyā api—bāṭiyen nama^Ndimu bō rajunē

By putting our hands to our forehead and saying sadhu we worship you with faith, oh Bodhi Tree King.

2. Nērañjara gaṇ tirayē asabaḍa—suvasē vāḍahun bō rajunē

You, lived happily by the bank of the river Nerañjara, oh Bodhi Tree King.

Kusa taṇa gena bō ruka veta vāḍiyā—apagē muni^Ndun bō rajunē

Oh Bodhi Tree King, our sage [Supreme Buddha] taking kusa grass went to the Bodhi Tree.

Peradiga balamin gautama muni^Ndun—vāḍa siṭi viṭa ehi bō rajunē

Oh Bodhi Tree King, when the sage Gautama [Supreme Buddha] was sitting there facing east.

Sādu! Sādu! Oba apagē muni^Nduṭa—sisilasa dunnā bō rajunē

You gave our sage [Supreme Buddha] coolness. Sādhu! Sādhu! oh Bodhi Tree King

3. Kāt kavuruvat nāti ē mohotē—muni taniyata siṭi bō rajunē

You stayed with the sage [Supreme Buddha] at the moment there was no one there, oh Bodhi Tree King

Vidurasunē siṭa vīriya vaḍanā—muni^Ndun rækagat bō rajunē

You protected the [Supreme Buddha] sage on the diamond seat making effort, oh Bodhi Tree King.

Sēnā sahitava maru aēvidin ehi—saṭan karana viṭa bō rajunē

When Māra, having come there with his army, was fighting, oh Bodhi Tree King,

Apagē muni^Ndun piṭupasa vī oba—nosāli siṭiyā bō rajunē

You stayed there behind our sage without shaking, oh Bodhi Tree King.

4. Tun lova jayagena muni^Ndu dinana viṭa—satuṭin siṭi oba bō rajunē

You were really happy when the [Supreme Buddha] sage won victory over the three worlds, oh Bodhi Tree King

Sammā sambudu apagē gautama—muni^Ndun piṭa dun bō rajunē

You, who our Gautama sage, the Supreme Buddha leaned on, oh Bodhi Tree King.

Budu ræs vihidena asiriya dakimin—niha^Nḍava vāḍahun bō rajunē

You were sitting silently seeing the beauty of the radiating Buddha-rays, oh Bodhi Tree King.

Dōta nagā hisa sādu kiyā api—bætiyen nama^Ndimu bō rajunē

By putting our hands to our forehead and saying sadhu we worship you with faith, oh Bodhi Tree King.

5. Perayama pera ka ^Nda piļivela dakinā—paļamu nuvaņa læba bō rajunē

In the first watch of the night, having gained the first knowledge of seeing his past lives, oh Bodhi Tree King,

Ipadena mærenā lō sata dakinā—devana nuvaņa læba bō rajunē

Having gained the second knowledge of seeing how the beings in the world were born and died, oh Bodhi Tree King,

Siyaluma kelesun vænasī nikeles—tevana nuvaņa læba bō rajunē

Having gained the third knowledge of the destruction of all the taints, oh Bodhi Tree King,

Apagē muni^Ndun sambudu vana viṭa—oba eya duṭuvā bō rajunē

You saw when our sage became the Buddha, oh Bodhi Tree King.

6. Sambudu bava lada gautama muni^Nduṭa—pavan sælū apa bō rajunē

You fanned our sage Gautama [Supreme Buddha] who attained enlightenment, oh Bodhi Tree King.

Satiyak nosælī væḍahun muni^Nduṭa—rækavaraṇaya dun bō rajunē

You gave the [Supreme Buddha] sage protection when he stayed without moving for a week, oh Bodhi Tree King.

Apa muni^Ndun haṭa sevaņa sadannaṭa—vāsanāva lada bō rajunē

You had the fortune to give shade to our [Supreme Buddha] sage, oh Bodhi Tree King.

Dōta nagā hisa sādu kiyā api—bætiyen nama^Ndimu bō rajunē

By putting our hands to our forehead and saying sadhu we worship you with faith, oh Bodhi Tree King.

7. Satiyak arahat suvayen nosælī—muni^Ndun siṭi viṭa bō rajunē

When the [Supreme Buddha] sage was sitting without moving in the bliss of enlightenment, oh Bodhi Tree King,

Gautama muni^Nduṭa rækavaraṇaya dī—sisilasa sælasū bō rajunē

You gave protection and coolness to our sage Gautama [Supreme Buddha], oh Bodhi Tree King

Devivaru ahasin mal pudanā viṭa—pidum læbū apa bō rajunē

You received honour when the devas were offering flowers from the sky, oh Bodhi Tree King

Dōta nagā hisa sādu kiyā api—bætiyen nama^Ndimu bō rajunē

By putting our hands to our forehead and saying sadhu we worship you with faith, oh Bodhi Tree King.

8. Apagē gautama muni^Ndun satiyak—sakman kaļa viṭa bō rajunē

When our sage Gautama [Supreme Buddha] was walking for a week, oh Bodhi Tree King,

Sili sili gā bō pat seļavī gos—pavan sælū apa bō rajunē

You fanned [Him] shaking the bo leaves, making the sound “sili sili,” oh Bodhi Tree King

Gautama muni^Nduge sakman maļuvaṭa—sihil sevaņa dun bō rajunē

You gave cool shade to the walking path of the sage Gautama [Supreme Buddha], oh Bodhi Tree King

Dōta nagā hisa sādu kiyā api—bætiyen nama^Ndimu bō rajunē

By putting our hands to our forehead and saying sadhu we worship you with fair, oh Bodhi Tree King.

9. Īsāna desin apa muni^Ndun væḍahi^Nda—oba desa bæluvā bō rajunē
Standing to the north-east, our [Supreme Buddha] sage gazed at you, oh Bodhi Tree King.
- Satiyak sambudu denet noselvī—oba puda læbuvā bō rajunē
You were respected for a week by the unmoving sambudu eyes, oh Bodhi Tree King.
- Gautama muni^Nduge bōdḥiya lesa oba—niti puda labanā bō rajunē
You are always respected as the Bodhi tree of the sage Gautama [Supreme Buddha], oh Bodhi Tree King
- Dōta nagā hisa sādu kiyā api—bætiyen nama^Ndimu bō rajunē
By putting our hands to our forehead and saying “sādhu” we worship you with faith, oh Bodhi Tree King.
10. Ahasē ræs vū dēva ba^Mbun kæla—sæka kaḷa viṭa eya bō rajunē
When the assembled crowd of devas in the sky doubted [the Great Teacher’s enlightenment], oh Bodhi Tree King,
- Apagē muniraju ahasaṭa vaḍimin—peḷahara pævā bō rajunē
Going to the sky our sage king [Supreme Buddha] performed miracles, oh Bodhi Tree King.
- Ekaviṭa ginidæl hā diya daharā—vihiduvanā viṭa bō rajunē
When flames and streams of water spread, oh Bodhi Tree King,
- Gautama muni^Nduge peḷahara dækumata—vāsanāva lada bō rajunē
You had the fortune to see the miracles of the sage Gautama [Supreme Buddha], oh Bodhi Tree King.
11. Mihikata selavī kampā vana viṭa—nosæli siṭi apa bō rajunē
Our Bodhi Tree King who stayed steady when the earth was trembling,
- Da^Mbadiv talayen sirilaṅkāven—pidum læbū apa bō rajunē
Our Bodhi Tree King to whom the countries India and Sri Lanka were offered by kings,
- Anurapurē uḍamaḷuvē væḍahi^Nda—mavbima surakina bō rajunē
You, Oh Bodhi Tree King, who protects our motherland sitting in the Upper Terrace in Anuradhapura,
- Dōta nagā hisa sādu kiyā api—bætiyen nama^Ndimu bō rajunē
By putting our hands to our forehead and saying sadhu we worship you with faith, oh Bodhi Tree King.
12. Dēva nāga nara brahmarāja kæla—niti puda dena apa bō rajunē
Oh, our Bodhi Tree King, who is always respected by the crowds of devas, nagās, humans, and Brahma kings.
- Sak devi^Ndungē saṅkhanādayen—pidum labana apa bō rajunē
Oh our Bodhi Tree King, who is honoured by the sound of the God Sakka’s trumpet shell,
- Satara varam dev rajadaruvangen—rækavaraṇaya lada bō rajunē
Oh, Bodhi Tree King, who is protected by the devas of the Four Great Kings.
- Dōta nagā hisa sādu kiyā api—bætiyen nama^Ndimu bō rajunē
By putting our hands to our forehead and saying sadhu we worship you with faith, oh Bodhi Tree King.

13. Suva^Nda malin hæma pudadena bōdhiya
Everyone offers fragrant flowers to you, oh Bodhi Tree

Suva^Nda pænin pæn vaḍanā bōdhiya
We water you with fragrant water, oh Bodhi Tree

Suva^Nda dumin puda labanā bōdhiya
We offer you fragrant smoke, oh Bodhi Tree

Apit va^Ndimu siri gautama bōdhiya
Let us worship the Siri Gautama Bodhi Tree

14. Ran væṭakin puda labanā bōdhiya
We offer you a golden fence, oh Bodhi Tree

Ran væṭa atarin dilenā bōdhiya
You shine through the golden fence, oh Bodhi Tree

Ran van pāṭin daḷu lana bōdhiya
You sprout golden colored leaves, oh Bodhi Tree

Apit va^Ndimu siri gautama bōdhiya
Let us worship the Siri Gautama Bodhi Tree

15. Sihilæl pæn puda labanā bōdhiya
We offer you cool water, oh Bodhi Tree

Mihiri gilapasa pudanā bōdhiya
We offer you sweet gilampassa, oh Bodhi Tree

Behet gilapasa pudanā bōdhiya
We offer you medicinal gilampassa, oh Bodhi Tree

Apit va^Ndimu siri gautama bōdhiya
Let us worship the Siri Gautama Bodhi Tree

16. Ran mālāven pudanā bōdhiya
We offer you golden garlands, oh Bodhi Tree

Koḍi paḷa^Ndā sarasavanā bōdhiya
We decorate you by stringing flags, oh Bodhi Tree

Devi minisun niti va^Ndinā bōdhiya
Devas and humans always worship you, oh Bodhi Tree

Apit va^Ndimu siri gautama bōdhiya
Let us worship the Siri Gautama Bodhi Tree

17. Sirilak bima væḍahi^Ndinā bōdhiya
You live in the land of Sri Lanka, oh Bodhi Tree

Sirilak bima seta sadanā bōdhiya
You bless the land of Sri Lanka, oh Bodhi Tree

Lakmavagē miṇi kiruḷayi bōdhiya

You are the jewelled crown of the Sri Lankan motherland, oh Bodhi Tree

Apit va^Ndimu siri gautama bōdhiya

Let us worship the Siri Gautama Bodhi Tree

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