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To those with unrivaled compassion — the Three Jewels And gurus — I pay homage with respect.

Great beings would see nothing wondrous here,
But some childish beings might enjoy these words.
A few high masters\* have encouraged me
By saying that it would be meaningful
If I recounted some of my good deeds.
Since I know best what I experienced, I'll relate a few.

<sup>\*</sup> Including Drikung Rinpoche and Panchen Dorgyal.

(1) Once I had gained a human life with leisures and resources, I dared not squander it pointlessly. With single-minded focus, I did all I could to practice dharma just as the Buddha taught. I subjugated forcefully any wrong thought that arose. I think of this as one of my good deeds.

दर्नः स्टान्तानी स्वाका क्षेट्रः सुव्यः स्वेशः प्रमी । द्या. चीश्वाः इत्यः क्षेत्रः स्वाः क्षेत्रः स्वाः स्वाः । द्यः क्ष्यः स्वयः क्षेत्रः त्यायः क्षेत्रः सः स्वाः । दे . स्वयः स्वयः स्वयः स्वयः स्वयः स्वयः स्वयः स्वयः । । स्वयः स्

(2) Without disdaining inauthentic gurus and companions
Or following them along the paths they taught,
I did all I could to overcome the thoughts of the three poisons —
Impediments to reaching the dharma's culmination.

I think of this as one of my good deeds.

विष्यः स्वर्याः वीर्यायाः श्रीतः स्वर्यः प्रश्चीत्। । द्रियः स्वरं स्व

(3) When I saw that the Mahayana masters were unmistaken, I became captivated by their excellent qualities And acted in harmony with all of their august examples. The great beings therefore granted me their blessings with delight. I think of this as one of my good deeds.

(4) When I developed certainty from the bottom of my heart That ordinary distractions are merely ways to waste this life, I cast away all commonplace diversions. My awareness became clear; I found conviction in the Jewels. I think of this as one of my good deeds. यदी-त्यय- च्यय- च्यय- क्यय- क्यय-

(5) I saw that everyone high and low must die, Like a river rushing, naked and empty-handed. When I reflected, how could thoughts of the eight concerns Have any chance to arise, even in dreams? I think of this as one of my good deeds.

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(6) Besides the true protector, the Three Jewels, No other refuge gave me confidence. The Jewels know all joys and woes; I had not a whit Of any dependence or hope in anyone else. I think of this as one of my good deeds.

(7) Once I knew that all suffering that occurs is the result Of my own wrongs, I could not complete in full Unvirtuous acts with preparation, deed, and aftermath. I have not completed an unvirtuous act in this life. I think of this as one of my good deeds.

(8) Unless we fully cross the ocean of birth and death, Nowhere in the three realms are pleasures and riches permanent. I wondered, when will I liberate forever All beings throughout space from the three realms of samsara? I think of this as one of my good deeds. द्यः श्रेन् भ्रुः त्याः याः स्याः श्रेः श्रेष्ठः श्रेष्ठः । व्याः यात्रेत् । स्याः यात्यः स्याः स्याः

(9) All beings, without distinction, are the same as my parents. It is illogical to group them into factions of friend and foe. With uncontrived love for beings in intolerable states, I thought, when can I bring them the benefit of true enlightenment? I think of this as one of my good deeds.

यविष्यः स्वरः सः स्वर्याः स्वरः स्व

(10) Benefiting others depends at root on giving away
 Your happiness to others and taking their pains upon yourself.
 I gave without a trace of ego-clinging
 My body, possessions, and virtue to wandering beings.
 I think of this as one of my good deeds.

तदीत्तः स्वान्तः त्याः त्याः त्याः स्वानः त्याः त्या

(11) Although I gave without attachment to beings, When combative people responded to that with harm, I thought to myself, "This purifies bad karma!" And felt as much delight as a beggar finding treasure. I think of this as one of my good deeds.

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(12) When others unreasonably repaid kindness with harm, I'd think, "May the results all ripen on me, To never be experienced by this person,"And dedicated all the virtue to them.I think of this as one of my good deeds.

तदीः स्टार्या मी स्वेमका क्षेत्र स्वेभा प्रीत्। म म्यक्ष अप्याप्त स्वाप्त स्य

(13) To bring benefit and happiness to everyone throughout space,
I spoke kind words distinguishing what to do and what to reject.\*
How could I ever, in any situation, say harsh words
That would make myself and others circle in confusion?
I think of this as one of my good deeds.

चित्रः त्याः मृत्रः त्याः त्यः त्याः त्य

(14) Virtuous acts and results done with the hope of a return,
 Like speaking nicely hoping for sweet words,<sup>†</sup>
 Cannot be for the sake of true enlightenment.
 How is it possible to cling to virtue and its result as mine?
 I think of this as one of my good deeds.

<sup>\*</sup> This is called venerable speech.

<sup>†</sup> In giving up deceiving others through craft and fraud, this lord seems to have shown us a necessary example.

(15) Unreasonable, intolerable, unbearable though they were,The more I experienced karmic results,The more I became convinced that what the Buddha taught is true.I gained conviction in the importance of taking adversity as the path.I think of this as one of my good deeds.

(16) How could I bring all beings throughout space The inferior and provisional benefits And pleasures of existence and peace instead Of the benefit of true enlightenment? I think of this as one of my good deeds.

(17) To gain enlightenment to benefit oneself and others, One must leave self-disparagement, despair, Anxiety, and weariness far behind And strengthen one's unstoppable diligence. How could I, in this life, let my practice fluctuate? I think of this as one of my good deeds.

(18) Infinite are the kinds of barbaric beings.
When things go well, since things are going well,
They're ignorant of the means for liberation.
When things go badly, since things are going badly,
They're ignorant of the means for liberation.
I could not bear the thought of their deluded acts.
I think of this as one of my good deeds.

(19) Although I couldn't bear it, I did not scorn Suffering sentient beings for being vile. The faults and obscurations are their nature. Knowing this made it even less tolerable. I think of this as one of my good deeds.

(20) Since time without beginning, samsaric birth and death Have, with their agonies, wearied my body and mind.

Therefore I strove in order that I might have
A strong body and mind forever until enlightenment.

I think of this as one of my good deeds.

त्त्रीयाः स्वर्णानीः सेनास्य स्वर्ण्य स्वर्णात्य स्वर्यात्य स्वर्णात्य स्वर्णात्य स्वर्णात्य स्वर्

(21) With the clear eye of intelligence, I saw
 That phenomena have been pacified from the beginning.
 The one who is benefited, the one who benefits,
 And what brings benefit are like combining space with space.
 I think of this as one of my good deeds.

(22) Although inferior material supplies cannot be established
As wealth that can be grasped as "mine," when the understanding
Of selflessness had permeated my being, to enrich my mothers,
I gathered all that could be desired in infinite amounts.
I think of this as one of my good deeds.

(23) For virtuous actions such as offering and giving
To become causes of perfect buddhahood,
They must be guided along the path of the fine ways of virtue.
I acted in harmony with the codes the Buddha taught.
I think of this as one of my good deeds.

त्त्रीयात्रम् वीत्वेष्यात्र्युत्त्रम् वित्रम् वित्रम्

(24) In both causes and results, the Buddha's words
Are easy to practice at first and have great purpose in the end.
Since practicing them is not a source of harm,
I practiced patience toward the Tathagata's teachings.
I think of this as one of my good deeds.

(25) Knowing that weak intentions and actions do not suffice
For reaching the vast kayas and the profound dharmakaya,
With body and mind continually for untold aeons,
I've kept my commitment to achieve the kayas of a bhagavan.
I think of this as one of my good deeds.

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(26) I applied antidotes to all the subtle and coarse afflictions,
For they are not conducive to inspiring myself to virtue.
Beside focusing one-pointedly on the causes and results
Of perfect buddhahood, how could I think of anything else?
I think of this as one of my good deeds.

पट्ट.लट्टचं.चं.जु.जुच्यःडीट्.लुच्.क्षेत्रःच्चीट्रा। पट्ट.युत्रयःचयच्यच्यःडीट्यःक्षेटःतूरःडीज्यःचलुट्टी। चंटिजःचेषुःकीट्-जःचयच्यःडीट्यःडीजःचयुःअट्टी। कूंयःतःचक्यःतपुःयुत्रयःच्चिट्यःच्यःच्या। टु.डीट्र.पटःबीट्-अ.येट्यःपक्षटःचषुष्यःदी।

(27) As long as you hang on to your intractable character, You will not tame the mind streams of your followers. So I focused on my own accumulation and purification To increase accumulation and purification among my students. I think of this as one of my good deeds.

(28) Therefore, since all the activities of entering
The ways of enlightenment are inconceivable,
I made the prayer to follow in harmony
With the deeds of all the bodhisattvas.
I think of this as one of my good deeds.

पट्टी.लट्टाट्चा.ची.जुचाका.झैट्टालुट्टाड्चा.चीट्टी । ट्रिज्याका.चेका.कैचा.यी.ट्रट्टाड्चेट्.कु.घीलाचिका । ट्रिज्या.क्ष्मा.चालुष्टाखीचाका.चा.जुट्टाचा । प्रक्षेचाका.क्ष्मा.चिका.चीचाका.चा.चीचा । क्षेचाका.काष्ट्राच्या.चीचा.चीचा.चीचा.चीचा । क्षेचाका.काष्ट्राच्या.चीचा.चीचा.चीचा.चीचा ।

(29) In a degenerate age, few are they who serve The Buddha's teachings, and those to be served Have not entered the teachings properly. Seeing that, I tried even harder to tame myself. I think of this as one of my good deeds.

त्त्रं त्याः त्य

(30) The Teacher himself highly praised acts of virtue

Done in the time of the final five hundred years

For sake of the mere reflection of the teachings,

So I worked for the sangha of scholars and meditators.

I think of this as one of my good deeds.

(31) But to avoid the turbulence this might bring
Or conflict among communities, I made rules
To keep to isolated places, reliant upon
A beggar's food and robes made out of rags.
I think of this as one of my good deeds.

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(32) Some people have had pure perceptions of me
Because I resolved that my guru, whom I trusted first of all,
In essence is the Three Jewels and understood
That he has the three kayas and five wisdoms.
I think of this as one of my good deeds.

म्बद्दः स्वाचित्तः त्याः से स्वेत्तः स्वाच्याः स्वाच्याः स्वाच्याः स्वाच्याः स्वाच्याः स्वाच्याः स्वाच्याः स्व स्वाच्याः स्व

(33) Someone who does not have the clairvoyance of
Exhausting defilements cannot benefit students,
So I perfected accumulation and purification
And developed a zest for benefiting beings throughout space.
I think of this as one of my good deeds.

I dedicate all the defiled and undefiled virtue
I have accumulated and the virtue
Of all the buddhas and beings throughout space
To dispelling the obscurations of all limitless beings
So they may achieve the kayas of supreme enlightenment,
The perfection of the two accumulations,
And reach completely perfect buddhahood.

चक्षत्रात्रक्षात्रस्य त्यातः धित्रान्तर्भूतः नः त्यत्र । विषात्रम् हेः चर्डुन् त्यातः धित्रान्तर्भूतः नः त्यत्र । ।

On the encouragement of some great masters, I wrote this to tell of my experience.

रिं ने कि क्षा कि and bodhisattvas, all you who wish to follow me, train in their deeds and examples of achieving buddhahood for the sake of your countless mothers.

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#### THE PRAISE "HE SEARCHED THOROUGHLY..."

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He searched thoroughly for the unerring essence
 Of the teachings of the unrivaled Teacher,
 Had the discipline that leads to the true ways,
 And practiced the teachings in full — to him I pray.

(2) Seeing that those who try to make pseudodharma Of the disobedient and naturally unwholesome Into true dharma remain outside, like a husk, He taught the fine meaning well — to him I pray. तर्-दि-प्रविच्याः त्रिक्यः स्थायः स्वर्धः व्याप्तः विद्याप्तः विद्यापतः विद्यापतः

(3) When he realized that all wishes for here and the everlasting Come from the holder of all, the spiritual friend, Irreversible longing swelled to perfection. His faith became transcendent — to him I pray.

क्रें तदेते. मुम्बर्यात्रें देश्वर देश प्रते क्रिया । वेदः व्या श्रेतः प्रतः क्रेतः द्या स्तः क्रिया हो।। द्या प्रतः स्वरं प्रतः स्वरं स्व

(4) He realized from his heart — not just in words — How this life's wealth and fame are devoid of meaning. He exemplified revulsion and a lack of craving And recalled the futility — to him I pray.

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(6) He never gave afflictions or evil thoughts a moment's chance And built a dam of antidotes in case they arose. Never letting go of the good ways of virtue, He was a friend who brought benefit — to him I pray.

चत्रः द्रंतः त्राद्यः त्रक्षः स्वार्धः स्वर्धः स्वार्धः स्वरं स्व

(7) He meditated impartially on the scriptures' meaning. Instead of chasing nonsense, he would explain With prajna distinguishing the expedient and definitive The exalted definitive meaning — to him I pray.

(8) He wished with love to exchange himself for those thought to be great And created connections with them through pure aspirations, Making dedications to rouse their intelligence For engaging in virtue — to him I pray.

भ्रष्ट्र-स्त्

(9) By the virtue thus gained by stating his qualities, May expressing the qualities of him who has qualities Lead to a meaningful body and mind, perfected and purified, And fulfill the intentions of the Karmapa.



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