

THE RAIN OF WISDOM - Session 1 Readings

First song of the Three Men from Kham

On this occasion let us vajra brothers supplicate.
Let us genuinely supplicate and blessings will enter.

You who dwell on top of my head on a sun-moon seat,
Kind root guru, I supplicate you.

In the Akanistha dharma palace,
Dharmakaya, great Vajradhara, I supplicate you.

In the east, in the precious monastery of Sahor,
Tilo Prajnabhadra, I supplicate you.

In the north, in Puspahari monastery,
Learned Mahapandita Naro, I supplicate you.

In the south, in the monastery in the valley of Trowo,
Translator Marpa Lotsawa, I supplicate you.

In the highland pasture of the Lachi snow range,
Lord Shepa Dorje, I supplicate you.

In the east, in glorious Taklha Gampo,
Dharmaraja, the Physician of Takpo, I supplicate you.

In the west, in the palace of Uddiyana,
Consort Vajravarahi, I supplicate you.

In the Cool Grove charnel ground,
Dharmapalas, Mahakala and Mahakali, I supplicate you.

May obstacles of inner and outer adversities not arise.
Please grant me the supreme and ordinary siddhis.

Gampopa's song to the Three Men from Kham

Ka ye! Listen, my three supreme heart sons.
Sons, don't go any further down, come back up!

Many births ago
We had a profound karmic connection.
In the presence of the Lord Sambuddha, the Bhagavat,
The protector Sakyamuni,
When I was the ever youthful Candraprabha,
I requested and was granted the *Samadhirajasutra*.
You were the leaders of the vajra brothers
Who gathered there in a retinue of many ten-thousands.

Then the Tathagata spoke these words,
"In the future when the dark age has come,
Whoever spreads the meaning
Of this profound dharma, the *Samadhiraja*,
Will be the son of all the buddhas of the three times.
He will be the best of physicians, curing all sickness of the klesas.
How the victorious ones will praise him is beyond description."

When he had repeated this again and again to everyone,
I promised to spread that teaching.
All those assembled there
Also made aspirations and vowed to help me.
Because of our excellent previous aspiration, we have met at this time.
Those sharing in that karma and merit are fortunate.
We were taught well that profound dharma.
Now we are established in the stage of nonreturning.
Sons, don't go any further down, come back up!

This excellent place, this divine Gampo mountain,
Is the palace of the ocean of divine yidams.
The great meditators who meditate in this place
Quickly attain the supreme and ordinary siddhis.
Sons, don't go any further down, come back up!

I, the father guru, the great meditator Nyiwa,
Am the trustworthy spiritual friend.
The disciple-sons who depend on me
Quickly realise the dharma of mahamudra.
Sons, don't go any further down, come back up!

The disciples who properly accomplish the command
Will certainly receive great benefit
In this life and the next.
There is no need for doubt; have confidence.
Let faith arise in your mind, fortunate ones.
Sons, don't go any further down, come back up!

The yogic discipline of secret actions is your good friend.
Maintaining your practice throughout the four periods of the day,
This heartfelt longing of devotion
Is the supreme friend who hastens you along the path.
Sons, don't go any further down, come back up!

Generally, these companions, your vajra brothers and sisters,
Are individuals who act in accord with dharma,
And practice the ultimate meaning of mahayana.
There are no better friends than these.
Sons, don't go any further down, come back up!

The profound dharma, the six dharmas of mahamudra,
Is the essence of the Buddha's teachings, all the sutras and tantras.
Instruction superior to this pith
Does not exist for those who wish to be liberated.
Sons, don't go any further down, come back up!

If you know how to practice unerringly,
All the paths and bhumis will be traveled at once.
Fruition will actually manifest in this life.
It is satisfying not to be delayed until the next life.
Sons, don't go any further down, come back up!

A good place, spiritual friend, good companions,
And dharma that hastens you along the path,
Other than these four, you could find nothing nobler
No matter where you searched.
Sons, don't go any further down, come back up!

If you forsake these four paths, where will you go?
Now that we have met through such good and auspicious coincidence,
Don't think too much about hope and fear.
It would be good for you to practice longer in this place.
Sons, don't go any further down, come back up!

From the dharma palace of Akanistha,
This is the command of the dharmakaya, great Vajradhara:
come back up and up!

Their response to Gampopa

In the dharma palace of Akanistha
Dwells great Vajradhara.
So on this occasion let the vajra brothers make this supplication.
The guru has said, "Come back," so we are going back up and up.
We are climbing the steps of the higher realms, going up and up.
We are stamping down the lower realms, going up and up.
Sho mo! What a joyful, good experience!

In the east, in the precious monastery of Sahor, Dwells Tilo Prajnabhadra.
So on this occasion let the vajra brothers make this supplication.
The guru has said, "Come back," so we are going back up and up.
We are climbing the steps of the higher realms, going up and up.
We are stamping down the lower realms, going up and up.
Sho mo! What a joyful, good experience!

In the north, in the monastery of Puspahari,
Dwells Mahapandita Naro.

So on this occasion let the vajra brothers make this supplication.
The guru has said, "Come back," so we are going back up and up.
We are climbing the steps of the higher realms, going up and up.
We are stamping down the lower realms, going up and up.
Sho mo! What a joyful, good experience!

In the south, in the monastery in the valley of Trowo, Dwells Marpa the translator.
So on this occasion let the vajra brothers make this supplication.
The guru has said, "Come back," so we are going back up and up.
We are climbing the steps of the higher realms, going up and up.
We are stamping down the lower realms, going up and up.
Sho mo! What a joyful, good experience!

In the highland pasture of the Lachi snow range
Dwells great Milarepa.
So on this occasion let the vajra brothers make this supplication.
The guru has said, "Come back," so we are going back up and up.
We are climbing the steps of the higher realms, going up and up.
We are stamping down the lower realms, going up and up.
Sho mo! What a joyful, good experience!

In the east, in glorious Takha Gampo, Dwells the Physician of Takpo.
So on this occasion let the vajra brothers make this supplication.
The guru has said, "Come back," so we are going back up and up.
We are climbing the steps of the higher realms, going up and up.
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Sho mo! What a joyful, good experience!