

Uniting Wisdom and Compassion
"Homage to Compassion"
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Hearers and middling realizers of suchness
Are born from the Kings of Subduers. 1.1ab

Buddhas are born from Bodhisattvas. 1.1c

The mind of compassion, non-dual understanding,
And the altruistic mind of enlightenment
Are the causes of children of conquerors. 1.1def

Mercy alone is seen as the seed
Of a conqueror's rich harvest,
As water for development, and as
Ripening in a state of long enjoyment,
Therefore at the start I praise compassion. 1.2

Homage to that compassion for migrators who are
Powerless like a bucket travelling in a well
Through initially adhering to a self, an 'I,'
And then generating attachment for things, 'This is mine.' 1.3

[Homage to that compassion for] migrators seen as evanescent and
Empty of inherent existence like a moon in rippling water. 1.4ab

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