



THE SONG OF THE
SPONTANEOUS ACTIVITY OF ENLIGHTENMENT

a prayer about the life of freedom of the glorious lama as he spoke it himself

Gloriously filled with the two accumulations over countless previous aeons
And mastering development, completion, and bodhicitta,
You enjoy the splendor of benefits for both others and yourself.
To you, Rangjung Kunchab, I humbly pray.

Achieving the stage of mastery through the practice of the Shangpa teachings,
Palzang Tulku intentionally took rebirth
As the Mantra-Holder Lekshe Drayang, your father.
To you, who approached your mother's womb, I humbly pray.

On the occasion of the celebration of the tenth-day feast,
Your parents dreamt that their noble lama Jamgon Kongtrul said,
"I need a place to stay," and merged with them,
And that Orgyen Rinpoche and his consort actually came.
To you, who were conceived amidst portents, I humbly pray.

During her pregnancy, your mother glowed
And wonderful signs came continually in her dreams.
To you, who were born upright
In a rainbow pavilion and a rain of flowers, I humbly pray.

As soon as you were born you smiled radiantly and spoke.
Your parents were full of joy.
To you, who were greatly honoured by all and held to be
A wonderful incarnation, I humbly pray.

Even while you were a child, virtuous tendencies stirred.
To you, who naturally and spontaneously wished only
To dismiss ordinary life and keep simply to practice
In the solitude of a mountain valley, I humbly pray.

To you, whose innate propensities for compassion and devotion
Would move you to tears for all sentient beings afflicted and oppressed by suffering
And for lamas to whom you were connected
By maturing empowerments and liberating teachings, I humbly pray.

At the age of thirteen you were ordained in the Doctrine.
At the age of fifteen, before the assembly of the summer retreat,
You spoke fearlessly and confidently on the three ordinations.
To you, whose clear intellect captured the hearts of all, I humbly pray.

At the age of sixteen you entered the three-year course
In the great retreat center of Lama Jamgon.
Foretold by the Victorious One, Lama Jamgon was Khyungpo really returning to the world.
To you, whose faith and enthusiasm were limitless, I humbly pray.

During this time your venerable lama, Norbu Don-kun Drub,
Who had reached the peaks of experience and realization,
Gave you innumerable empowerments, authorizations, and instructions from the
Old and New Traditions
And, in particular, The Golden Doctrines of the great master Khyungpo.
To you, into whom were poured all the contents of this vessel of teachings, I humbly pray.

In addition, you studied with many learned and attained teachers
And continually worked diligently at studying, contemplating and meditating on
Innumerable collections of instructions from the sutras and tantras of the
Old and New Traditions.
To you, who became the spiritual son of them all, I humbly pray.

In your dreams, the great Lama Jamgon
Conferred in full the four empowerments and you yourself
Changed into the form of Padmasambhava and brought gods and demons
under your control.
To you, to whom the mountain goddesses offered songs, I humbly pray.

Through your identification with yidams you subdued ghosts and demons.
With Tara's prophetic assurance you triumphed over obstacles.
To you, who, in meeting assemblies of buddhas, bodhisattvas,
And holy elders, offered prayers of aspiration, I humbly pray.

At the age of twenty-five you gave up the affairs of ordinary life,
Content with whatever you had, impartial, free from temporal concerns.
All offerings made out of faith or on behalf of the dead, you used for spiritual purposes.
To you, king of the renunciation of temporal activity, I humbly pray.

Friendly with everyone yet without attachment to anyone,
With your compassion you cared equally for the friendly, unfriendly, and indifferent.
Free from attachment, you enjoyed pleasurable experiences as a vajra feast,
To you, the king of contemplatives, I humbly pray.

In your external discipline you exercised restraint, avoiding actions which would
harm or lead you to harm others.
In your internal discipline you continuously strove at bodhicitta in order to help others.
In your mystic discipline you put into practice the integration of development
and completion.
To you, who fulfill the three commitments, the vajra holder with the three ordinations,
I humbly pray.

Many holy persons have confirmed
Your being a human emanation
Of Lodru Taye, Jamgon Vajra Ratna, and others.
To you, the holy son of the Victorious One, I pray.

By reciting profoundly sacred phrases and the names of buddhas
And with materials consecrated by the Spoken and Treasure Traditions,
You set countless millions of fish, insects, and other animals
On the path to freedom. To you I humbly pray.

With your wonderful resolve to teach, spread, sustain, and preserve
The Doctrine of the Victorious One and particularly the Shangpa transmission,
You made the Doctrine flourish again and kept its instructions alive.
To you, the incomparable and excellent guide, I humbly pray.

You entrusted the teachings of the Shangpa tradition
To Kardorje, Lha-tsun, Tok-me, and noble Mochok,
To many excellent, learned, and attained lamas from all schools,
And to Bokar Tulku and many other notable persons. To you I humbly pray.



At the seat of the glorious Jonang school, at Zhang-Zhung and other places,
 You restored the Doctrine and carried out great works for the Dharma.
 You expressed your faith and aspirations to your heart's satisfaction before shrines in
 Central Tibet and Tsang.
 To you, who made meaningful your free and well-favored birth, I humbly pray.

When irreligious armies conquered the snowy regions of Tibet,
 Due to the force of previous aspirations you travelled to the Holy Country.
 There you taught and spread the Dharma throughout the land.
 To you, the teacher of the noble path to freedom, I humbly pray.

You followed closely the guidance of Rangjung Rikpai Dorje,
 The Sixteenth Holder of the Black Crown.
 He looked after you with great love.
 To you, who were entrusted with the teachings of the Practice Lineage, I humbly pray.

Of the Father and Son Victors who intentionally take form in the world,
 You looked after Shamar, Situ, Jamgon, and Gyaltsab.
 To you, who gave them the essential instructions of the traditions of the Four Teachings
 As one would pour the contents of one vessel into another, I humbly pray.

Tibet's Supreme Guide in every aspect of the Victorious One's Doctrine,
 His Holiness Ten-dzin Gyamtso, gave profound and secret instruction to you.
 To you, who, in following his commands, gave
 Many holy people spiritual instructions with empowerments and explanations,
 I humbly pray.

In addition, you have offered spiritual instruction in maturation and liberation
 To many holy people including lamas, incarnations, and notable individuals.
 You carried out these great activities for the teachings of all traditions.
 To you, who carry the light of the Victor's Doctrine, I humbly pray.

You have given immeasurable service to the Doctrine as spiritual instruction and as
 spiritual experience.
 You have made offerings and prayed to your heart's satisfaction at many great
 and holy sites.
 You have set hundreds of Sangha to practice in retreat centers.
 To you, the torch of the Doctrine, I humbly pray.

A throng of fortunate students speaking different languages,
 From countries large and small all over the world,
 Have gathered like swans coming to a lake with water lilies.
 To you, who mature and liberate these worthy beings, I humbly pray.

You have travelled through the open sky to great countries all over the world.
 Men and women of different nationalities and languages
 You have placed in the domain of guidance of the Great Compassionate One.
 To you, who teach the sure and noble way, I humbly pray.

You have dispersed your students as keepers of the Doctrine.
 The great banner of the code of the ten virtuous actions has been raised high.
 The practice of gathering and clearing away has spread over the whole world.
 To you, who carry the light of the Victorious One's Doctrine, I humbly pray.

When you were seventy-eight, you travelled over the ocean
 In the appropriate directions to visit different continents and lands all over the world.
 You went to more than thirty-five countries.
 To you, who travel in the open sky, I humbly pray.

*You turned the Wheel of Dharma of the three vehicles for those sentient beings
you would train.*

*In particular, you established many major retreat centers
And spread the teachings of the Six Syllables throughout the world.
To you, with whom any relationship is meaningful, I humbly pray.*

*In particular, you rekindled the embers of the teaching of the sutras and tantras
Of all the regions of Tibet and China.
To you, who present a feast of aid and joy
Through your great works for well-being everywhere, I humbly pray.*

*When you were seventy-nine, you conferred the empowerments and teachings
Of The Great Treasury of Precious Treasure Teachings of the inner tantras
On the Kagyupa Father and Son Victors
And many thousands of faithful students from all over the world.
To you, who unbolt the doors of maturation and liberation, I humbly pray.*

*You have learnt that all phenomena, appearances, and sounds are like dreams or
enchantments.
Everything you have done was done with the sole intention of helping others.
Without exception, everything you have received has been directed to religious purposes.
To you, for whom any relationship becomes significant, I humbly pray.*

*In summary, your mind has merged with the minds
Of all the excellent and incomparable lamas.
Your actions fulfill their vision.
You never waver from bodhicitta and development and completion.
To you, holy son of the Victorious One, I humbly pray.*

*By the blessing of this prayer,
May the glorious benefits for others and me be enjoyed,
May I be born miraculously in the Pure Land of Bliss
And become a leader and guide for all sentient beings.*



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