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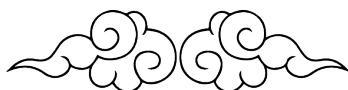


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དྲྷସନ୍ ཤྰ୍ବେ ଶୀୟେ ଧନ୍ଦମା । ହିସ୍ତୁତ୍ସ୍ତୁତ୍ ଶ୍ରୀଭୂପାତ୍ମକମନ୍ଦାତ୍ମି ଶକ୍ତାଦିତ୍ୟେ ଧନ୍ଦମା ତେ ଶକ୍ତାଦିତ୍ୟେ ଧନ୍ଦମା ।
ମନୁମନ୍ଦିଶନୁମନ୍ଦାନ୍ତ୍ରା ॥

Then, the patrons from Drotang received an audience with the Jetsun¹ and inquired, “What are the merits of this sacred place?” In response, he sang this meditative song:

ଶାମାହୈୟାଶର୍ଵତ୍ସାଧନ୍ଦମା ।

la ma je la sölwa dep
Precious lord guru, to you I supplicate!

ଶକ୍ତାଦିତ୍ୟେ ଧନ୍ଦମା ତେ ଶକ୍ତାଦିତ୍ୟେ ଧନ୍ଦମା ।

né di yön ten shé mi shé: né di yön ten mi shé na
Do you know the merits of this sacred place?
If you do not know this hallowed place's merits,

ଦ୍ୱିତୀୟାଶର୍ଵତ୍ସାଧନ୍ଦମା । କୁମାରଦ୍ୱିତୀୟାଶର୍ଵତ୍ସାଧନ୍ଦମା ।

wen né kyang pen nam khé dzong: nam khé dzong gi po drang na
this is the hermitage of Kyangpen Namkhe Dzong.
At the palace of Namkhe Dzong,

ଶିର୍ଷାଶିର୍ଷାଶିର୍ଷାଧନ୍ଦମା । ଦ୍ୱାରାଶାରଦାକାଶାଶିର୍ଷାଧନ୍ଦମା ।

teng na lho trin muk po tip: ok na tsang chap ngön mo bap
above amass dark, warm southern clouds
while below clean blue waters flow.



ਕੁਏਵਾਦਮਾਰਮਾਨਿਦ੍ਰੀਣਾ । ਮੁਨਾਵਾਲਾਵਿਹਾਨਾ ।

gyap na drak mar nam khé ying: dün na pang po mé tok tra
Behind red rocks lie beneath the vast expanse of sky;
in front the meadows are awash with flowers.

ਝੂਨਾਚਨਾਚਨਾਚਨਾਚਨਾ । ਪੰਥਾਵਾਲਾਵਿਹਾਨਾ ।

zur na chen zen ngar ké dön: lok la ja gyel gö po ding
On one side, wild beasts recite their roars,
while on the other, vultures, king of birds, soar.

ਮਾਵਰਾਲਾਲਾਲਾਲਾਲਾ । ਸੂਰਨਾਲਾਲਾਲਾਲਾ ।

kha la drang char zim bu bap: gyün du bungwé lu yang len:
A fine, gentle rain falls from the sky.
Continuously bees buzz their melodious songs.

ਸ਼ਾਕਾਲਾਕਾਲਾਲਾ । ਛੁਨਾਲਾਲਾਲਾਲਾ ।

sha kyang ma bu tsé dro dung: dra dang dreu yang tsel jong:
Wild *kyangs*,² mares and foals, dance and frolic,
and monkeys, big and small, act as acrobats.

ਛੂਟਾਲਾਲਾਲਾਲਾਲਾ । ਛੂਟਾਲਾਲਾਲਾਲਾ ।

cho ga ma bu gyur ké mang: lha ja gong mo lu yang len
Mother larks and chicks warble a profusion of songs
with divine mountain birds singing back in kind.

ਛਾਕਾਲਾਲਾਲਾਲਾਲਾ । ਕੁਨਾਲਾਲਾਲਾਲਾ ।

dza chap sil mé nyen pa jö: dü kyi ké rik nyam kyi drok
The cool mountain stream musically murmurs.
Such language of the seasons is an aid to meditation!



ਮਾਨਸ' ਰਦੀਕੀ ਪੰਡ' ਹਰ' ਵਸਮ' ਮੀਤ੍ਰਵਾ । ਨਿਰਵਾਦਸਾਰ' ਸ਼੍ਵੇਤ' ਬੁਨਵਾਧ' ਘੀਨਾ ।

né di yön ten sam mi khyap: nyam ga lu ru lang pa yin
 I sang this joyful song and offered advice describing
 the merits of this sacred place, which are utterly inconceivable.

ਮਾਨਸ' ਦਸਾ' ਅ' ਸ਼ੁਦਾ' ਧ' ਘੀਨਾ । ਰਦੀਕੀ ਕੱਥਾਨ' ਪੰਡ' ਵਦਸਾ' ਅ' ਮੰਤ੍ਰਵਾ ।

dam ngak kha ru tön pa yin: dir tsok yön dak po mo nam
 All you assembled here, patrons, ladies and gentlemen,
 please follow in my footsteps and behave as I have—

ਮੀਦ' ਖ੍ਰੀਤ' ਰਾਤ੍ਰੇਵਾਧ' ਵਲਿਕ' ਮੰਤ੍ਰਾ । ਏਸਾ ਸ਼੍ਵੀਗ' ਪਾਂਛ੍ਰੇਵਾਧ' ਨਾ' ਸ' ਸ਼੍ਵੇਤਵਾ॥ ਤੇਜਾ ਸ਼ੁਦਾਵਾ ।

mi nga chir drong la nga zhin dzö: lé dik pa pong la gewa drup
 abandon all misdeeds and accomplish virtue!

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¹ An honourific Tibetan term meaning “venerable lord,” reserved exclusively for great masters. Milarepa is among the most ubiquitous holders of the term in Tibetan literature.

² The kyang (Equus kiang) is a species of wild donkey native to the Tibetan plateau and is one source of inspiration for the mythical unicorn.



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