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Homage to the Guru.

You who wish to see the very nature of mind, listen here.

Just as a blade, however sharp, cannot cut itself,
And an eye, however clear, cannot see itself;
Just as fire cannot scorch itself, nor water drench itself,
Mind cannot find its own nature by searching for it,
As the finder and the seeker are none other than mind itself.

Yet describing its characteristics in this way
Is like someone claiming to have seen the sky
And then describing its edge and centre, its shape and colour.

The natural state of mind is beyond thought, expression, and example.

Through the power of the blessings of the lineage
And the fruition of meditation,
The true nature of primordial wisdom
Will certainly dawn from within.

Without entertaining conceptual judgements
Concerning saṃsāra and nirvāṇa,
Rest in the state in which
There is neither coming nor going.

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NOTES

* “Searching For Mind” is a title supplied by the translators since this song, or *doha*, is untitled in the Collected Songs of Tsangnyön Heruka.

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