

Awakening the Source of Love

Chanting from the Heart
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We bow respectfully to Avalokiteshvara,
to your great vow always to be there for all beings,
your capacity to look deeply at the world with compassionate eyes,
listen deeply to understand and to relieve suffering,
and with your willow branch,
to sprinkle the sacred nectar of immortality,
cleansing my mind from all impurities.
I vow to take refuge in you with all my heart.
Respectfully, I offer you my deepest vow: [bell]

Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow to look deeply into the five skandhas.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow to see the true nature of emptiness.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow soon to reach the shore of awakening.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow to overcome all obstacles.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow to take the boat of Perfect understanding.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow to be present in all three bodies.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow to realize the fruits of liberation.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow to cultivate great compassion.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow to penetrate deeply the Tathagata store.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow to purify my mind. [bell]

Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
may I be free from the abyss of craving.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
may I break through the shell of my worldly mind.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
may I have sufficient skillful means.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
may I build Sangha.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
may I transform my anger.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
may I uproot my ignorance.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
may I hold high the torch of right faith.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
may I have the clear eyes of understanding.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
may I hold the golden lotus in my hand.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
may I see the Dharma body. [bell]

Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow to build brotherhood and sisterhood.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow to show gratitude to my spiritual lineage.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow to practice loving speech.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow to look with loving eyes.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow to succeed in my practice of deep listening.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow to live mindfully and with clarity.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow soon to realize meditative concentration.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow to walk solidly night and day.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow to abide peacefully on the ground of reality.
Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
I vow to cultivate the five eyes, and the six miraculous powers. [bell]

Namo ‘valokiteshvaraya,
please come with me to the war zones
to stop the killing and bombing.
Please walk with me to the places of sickness and suffering,
bringing medicine and the refreshing nectar of compassion.
Please come with me to the realm of the hungry ghosts,
bringing the Dharma food of understanding and love.
Please come with me to the realm of hell
in order to cool the heat of afflictions.
Please come with me to places of conflict
in order to remove hatred and anger
and help the source of love to flow again.

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