Offerings

Flowers, foods and medicines,
Fine fruits of nature's bounty
Sacred oak, witchhazel, ivy,
Music, chant and wishpath drum
Gentle garnet glow of dawn,
Still enchanting forest grove,
Leafy dell and waterfall,
By solar stones of ancient lays
The smouldering incense spirals up,
Great mountains clad in forest hues,
Fine pines bedecked with lights and jewels,
Bright crystal, quartz and gold
Sunset, moonrise, stars beyond,
A dark blue void of sky.

All this vast vault of space, I offer here in celebration To the highest path and goal, To Wisdom's true abode.

Salutation

Countless times with deep respect, I venerate the worthy ones, Saluting all the many shrines And places they have dwelt. With gratitude to teachers And a keen receptive ear To Spiritual Friends, To Perfect Truth, To the Enlightened One I bow.

Mantra

Going Forth

Abandoning all false hopes,
Directing my consciousness
To the Enlightened Mind,
I Go For Refuge
To the Truth Teachings,
Which end the woes of life.
Embracing spiritual friendship,
To the Compassionate Ones I go.

Refuges and Precepts

Acknowledgment of Regrets

I acknowledge all my folly,
All regrettable deeds,
Unworthy thoughts and words,
Any act of disrespect
To the world and living things,
Through being the vain slave
Of blind passions and beliefs.
All this I own before myself,
My Companions
And Absolute Compassion.

Rejoicing in the Good

I rejoice wholeheartedly
In the good done by beings.
May all happiness attend them;
May all suffering end for them;
May they be released from worldly ties.

I rejoice in the Compassionate Ones, The diamond sky-walkers, The Path-going Teachers, And all the worthy ones Who help save beings.

I rejoice in the commitment
To the path and the practice
The ocean of truth
Which saves all beings.

Inspirational reading

Requesting the Teachings

Approaching them in entreaty,
May all the Compassionate Ones
In the vastness of space
Shine bright the lamp of truth,
For those bewildered here
In the twilight of ignorance.

May the accomplished ones Stay in this sphere For many countless aeons And not leave this world of ours In cold and brutal darkness.

Heart Sutra

Transference of Benefit

Surrendering vain attachment To ownership and selfhood, May the benefit generated By these actions here Assist the liberation Of all suffering beings.

May I be of service To all sentient existence In the arising and dissolution Of all world systems Throughout time and space.

Concluding mantra(s)