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I pay homage to you, Lokeśvarāya!

Aware that all phenomena are devoid of true existence, you nevertheless act unstintingly on behalf of the wellbeing of all beings. With my body, speech and mind I bow devotedly to you, Chenrezig, my pre-eminent teacher and protector.

The perfect Buddhas, the wellspring of all good fortune and happiness, Have reached that state by realizing the noble Dharma. To do so requires knowledge of the practice, So I will now explain what Bodhisattvas do:



५व. प्रम्नी कृष्ट में स्वास्त्र स्व

Seeing that you have boarded this ship that is so difficult to reach with the freedoms and favourable conditions that is affords, your goal must now be to liberete yourself and others from Samsara. Devoting yourselves day and night, without the slightest lapse,

To learning, reflecting and meditating; This is what Boddhisattvas do.





यान्त्रेत् म्ब्री स्थान्य स्यान स्थान्य स्थान

Our clinging to those we love is like the pounding ocean's waves, our animosity towards our enemies smoulders like fire, and in the murky gloom of your ignorance you forget what we should be doing or not doing.

Turning your backs on your homes: This is what Bodhisattvas do.





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Flee from detrimental environments, and your mental defilements will start to clear. Cast off distractions, and your wholesome behaviour will burgeon by itself. If your mind is clear, you will attain sureunderstanding of the Dharma.

Living in seclusion;
This is what Boddhisattvas do.





क्र.वर्ट. म्र्यूं यात्रान्त स्थान्य स्थान स्थान

Year-long companionships are severed, laboriously acquired goods and chattels have to be abandoned. consciousness, housed in the body like a guest in an inn, will move out.

> Relinquishing your hold on the affairs of this life: This is what Bodhisattvas do.





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The company of bad friends reinforces the three mental poisons.

Your learning, reflecting and meditating activity declines.

As a result, your love and compassion drain away.

Turning your back on bad friends: This is what Bodhisattvas do.





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In the company of true spiritual friends your shortcomings will cease, and your virtues will grow like the waxing moon.

Cherishing true spiritual friends, holding them dearer than your own body: This is what Bodhisattvas do.





र्टा क्षट्र वर्षे र प्रवेश प्रकृत स्था क्ष्या क्

The worldly gods are themselves incarcerated in the prison of Samsāra, so how could they possibly protect you?

Seeking refuge in the unfailing Three Jewels: This is what Bodhisattvas do.





The Buddha taught that the suffering of the lower realms, so hard to endure, is the outcome of unwholesome actions.

Therefore, never committing a harmful act, even on pain of death:

This is what Bodhisattvas do.





स्वीत् मासुस्र मत्ते स्वास्त स्वीतः स

Whatever happiness the three realms afford, it is like a drop of dew on the tip of a grass blade: it exists only for fleeting moments and quickly vanishes.

Seeking the supreme state of liberation that never changes: This is what Bodhisattvas do.





All my mothers, who since beginningless time have loved me, are exposed to suffering.

what use is it if I alone am happy?

So, generating Bodhicitta to liberate all beings from suffering: This is what Bodhisattvas do.





स्वानस्यास्य स्वानस्य स्वानस्

All suffering arises from seeking our own happiness. perfect Buddhahood arises from the wish to help others.

Exchanging your own happiness for others' suffering:
This is what Bodhisattvas do.





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Even if someone in their acquisitiveness were to steal all your worldly possessions or incite another person to do so,

making over everything to him, body, belongings and all your merit from past, present and future:

This is what Bodhisattvas do.





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Even if person decapitates you although you have committed no offence at all.

Summoning all your resources of compassion to take this negative act upon yourself:

This is what Bodhisattvas do.





स्तिन्त्र स्ति स्त्र स्

Even if someone spread all kinds of slanders throughout a billion universes,

Responding by affectionately detailing that same person's good qualities:

This is what Bodhisattvas do.





Even if someone humiliates and denigrates you in front of others, regarding him as a spiritual teacher

And behaving deferentially towards him: This is what Bodhisattvas do.





Even should someone for whom you have cared as for your own child treats you hostilely,

Behaving towards this person with special affection as a mother behaves towards a sick child:

This is what Bodhisattvas do.





Even if a person on an equal or lower footing than yourself is so arrogant as to treat you condescendingly,

Looking up in respect to this person as a teacher:
This is what Bodhisattvas do.





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Even if you are deprived of the bare necessities of life, you are treated disdainfully, and you are afflicted with serious illnesses or exposed to damaging influences,

Taking the negativity and the suffering of all beings upon yourself without once feeling disheartened:

This is what Bodhisattvas do





Even if you gain fame, people bow down before you, and you amass riches like those of Vaiśravana,

Regarding worldly values as ephemeral and thus remaining free of vanity:

This is what Bodhisattvas do





If you fail to subdue your anger inside you, your enemies in the outside world will increase while you are struggling with them.

So subjugating your own mind with the armies of love and compassion:

This is the practice of Bodhisattvas





Indulging in sensual pleasure is like drinking salt water: the more you consume, the greater is your longing.

Forswearing here and now those things that engender clinging and desire:
This is the practice of Bodhisattvas





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> All phenomena are your own mind. the essence of mind has always been free of the extremes of proliferating concepts.

In the light of this perception, imputing to neither the experience nor the experiencer any characteristics:

This is what Bodhisattvas do.





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Even though you may encounter pleasurable experiences, as delightful as a rainbow in summer,

Not regarding them as real events and relinquishing all clinging:

This is what Bodhisattvas do.





Suffering in all its manifestations is like a child's death in a dream.

Mistaking illusory phenomena for something

real saps your energy.

So recognizing the disagreeable occurrences in your life as illusions:

This is what Bodhisattvas do.





Whoever wishes to attain enlightenment must abandon even the body,

let alone all outward things.

So giving generously, without self-interest or hope for karmic reward:

This is what Bodhisattvas do.





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Without living ethically, you cannot achieve even your own wellbeing, and it would be absurd to try to bring about the wellbeing of others.

So, unimpeded by worldly ambitions, monitoring your own ethical behaviour: This is what Bodhisattvas do.





For Bodhisattvas seeking to enjoy what is wholesome, everything harmful is a priceless treasure.

So, practising acceptance in the face of adversity without any resentment:

This is what Bodhisattvas do.





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> Even the Hearers and the Self-realised Ones, who practise for their own benefit, exert themselves as strenuously as someone putting out a fire on their own head.

All the more then, on behalf of all beings, cultivating joyous perseverance, the source of all wholesome qualities:

This is what Bodhisattvas do.





When you have understood that penetrating insight imbued with calm abiding can completely eliminate defilements,

Then practising meditative absorption that goes beyond the Four Formless Ones:

This is what Bodhisattvas do.





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With the five perfections but without insight you cannot attain full enlightenment.

So cultivating insight employing skilful means and staying free of the Three Spheres:

This is what Bodhisattvas do.





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If you neglect to examine your own confusion, you may to all appearances resemble a true practitioner, but your activity will not conform to the Dharma.

Constantly examining your own confusion and overcoming it:

This is what Bodhisattvas do.





If, impelled by your own defilements, you talk about the shortcomings of other Bodhisattvas, this will damage only yourself.

So, refraining from commenting on the flaws of others who have embarked on the path of the Great Vehicle:

This is what Bodhisattvas do.





क्रम्यायः स्वास्त्र स्वास

Rewards and praise give rise to quarrelling, which will get in the way of your devotion to learning, reflection and meditation.

So letting go of attachment to the homes of friends, relatives and sponsors:

This is what Bodhisattvas do





क्षेत्रः स्वास्त्रः स्वास्त

Other people are upset by harsh words, and these also impair the Bodhisattva's own way of life.

So ceasing to utter harsh words that upset others: This is what Bodhisattvas do.





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When defilements have become habitual it is difficult to rectify them with remedies.

So eliminating defilements like greed as soon as they arise by means of the guardians mindfulness and clear knowledge armed with their antidotes: This is what Bodhisattvas do.





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In a nutshell:

Wherever you are, whatever you are doing,
exploring the state of your mind
with unceasing mindfulness and clear knowledge
and gauging your activity to the wellbeing of others:
This is what Bodhisattvas do.





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Dedicating to awakening the wholesome that has arisen through these endeavours with the insight of the Purity of the Three Spheres, with a view to eliminating the suffering of the countless living beings:

This is what Bodhisattvas do





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Emulating the commentaries of noble masters on the interpretation of the teachings in the sūtras, tantras und śāstras, I have compiled these thirty-seven verses on what bodhisattvas do, for those who wish to practise the Bodhisattva path.

I am a person of modest intelligence and little education, so this is not a poetic work that will appeal to scholars.

However, since I have drawn on the sūtras and the commentaries of illustrious masters,

I believe that this work accurately describes what bodhisattvas do.

However, for somebody of little intelligence like myself, it is difficult to grasp the great scope of Bodhisattva practice. So I beg the noble masters to overlook this work's shortcomings like inconsistencies, non sequiturs and such like.

May any wholesomeness that this work engenders, through the supreme relative and absolute bodhicitta, prevent all beings from residing in the extreme of the cycle of samsāric existence nor in that of peace, like the protector Chenrezig.

I, the monk Thogme, who teaches the scriptures and logical argumentation, have written this for my own and others' benefit, in the cave known as Precious Mercury (Ngülchu Rinchen).





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