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क्रियःगुरु वायरःवासुसःवादेवाः दर्शसर्वे सुराहे।

gyal kün sang sum chik dü tsokyé jé I prostrate to the root guru, indivisible from the Lake-Born Lord,

न्द्येरसेन्स्यवेत्त्वस्यस्युगावर्द्धवाने।।

yermé tsawé lamar chaktsal té Single embodiment of the three secrets of all the victorious ones,

बरायमार्यासूराम्बरम्भायदेः श्रीराधीयवृत्।

tarlam rab nang dampé nyingpo shé
As I explain the essence of instructions lighting
the way to liberation.

र्त्ते : व्यव देव : याहे र र्केया वा ग्री वा दर र यव हेव।

loden dönnyer tsok kyi dangwé nyön You, intelligent ones who are interested, listen with appreciation!

भूषायबर भ्रुं वेंबा घर यस वर्षे द्वाराया

kalzang kyewö tarlam dröpa la
When fortunate people travel the road to liberation,

र्वेनासरायसाम्यात्वात्रह्मार्स्त्रीयर्वयानुःह्री ।

tokmar lam gyi jukgo tsalja téThey must first search for the entrance to the way,







ने प्यत्यदे सुदे योग्यास स्यामा याद्युत्य यदे याद्या ।

deyang di chi lektsok jungwé né

Which is the source of excellence in this and future lives:

८ १ म्यान्त्रियमान्त्रीय स्टम्कुन स्थित सामाने स्था

yangdak trim kyi ranggyü dompa ché

It's crucial to restrain the mindstream with pure ethical discipline.

यः क्ष्यः प्राप्तः प्रवास्त्रः स्वाप्तः स्वीतः यसा ।

nga tsen yönten denpé khen lob lé

From a preceptor or master who possesses the sets of five qualities,¹

र्श्वेदःचित्र्व्वर्श्वेदःचतुव्वर्श्वेष्टःसर्वेद्रा ।

pong zhi pong dün sotar dompa nö

Receive the prātimokṣa vows of fourfold or sevenfold abandonment.²

नेप्परादेशाववुरायेन्द्राक्षेत्रुं नया ।

deyang ngejung mé na mi kyewé

This will not occur if you lack determination to be free.

ब्रीन् त्यम् देशासम् वर्षुदानवे नम्मासामाया ।

si lé ngepar jungwé sampa gal

The thought of renouncing existence is therefore important.

ह्या.कुर्य.कूर्य.कर्य.यपुर्वा.यपुर्वे.यायर्था.या.याया ।

tekchen domden shenyen khepa lé

From a learned spiritual mentor who upholds the Mahāyāna vows,







ब्रियामहिकार्केमाकार्श्वेन यहमार्थेकायात्वरा।

sol nyi chogé mönjuk dompa lang

Take the bodhisattva vows of aspiration and application through the ritual of the two traditions.³

बुरमिष्ठेशन्यायउदायेन्या याबुयायायक्रुवाहे। ।

zur nyi damcha mé na zuknyen té

If you do not have the commitment with twin aspects,⁴ then the vows are merely a reflection.

नेष्ट्रीयत्तुवन्दर्श्वेरहेष्यर्षराष्ट्रयुरा।

dechir dün dang nyingjé yangyang jang

Train again and again, therefore, in intention and compassion.

यर्क्यक्षेत्रप्रमुत्रप्रकराई हे यहें वर्षे द्वराया

tsennyi gyé chang dorjé dzin wang lé

From a powerful vajra-holder with eight qualifications,⁵

wang zhi damtsik zung té deyang ni

Take on the samayas related to the four empowerments.

क्री.योध्रेश.भुषे.यलु.चेल.य.श्र.पब्र्य.तथा ।

gyu nyi kyen zhidral na mi tobpé

They will not be obtained if two causes and four conditions are absent,⁶

र्क्यायहोत्रायर्षेतान्दासुरायये व्यवसायाययन्।।

tsulzhin tob dang sungwé tab la bé

So strive in the methods for proper acquisition and protection.







ने सूर्क्य विस्था वर्ष सम्बन्ध विस्

detar tsultrim tsangmé zhi jé té

Having thus established a basis of pure ethical discipline,

tö dang sampé do dönnying por dril

Focus on the essential meaning of the sūtras through study and reflection,

dampé mengak né kyi drönmé yi

And, with the torch of the key points of noble masters' pith instructions,

dön gyi kyel so sem kyi sang la ta

Look into the secret of your mind, the ultimate guide.

वुक् अर्दावुक् अक् व्रिक्त पर क्वें क्वेंट की का

tünmong tünmin khyepar lojong gi

Through the common, uncommon and special forms of mind training,

ranggyü rim jang chö kyi nö rungja

Gradually purify your mindstream and become a suitable vessel for Dharma.

दबःहेवाः अदः वेदायद्याः चरायाः चरायाः ।

ngen tok lang shor dulwar ma jé na

If you do not tame your habitual patterns of negative thought,







यम्द्रमायार्च्यक्षेताद्मीम्ब्रीक्र्यंस्थात्यः ।

mengak to nyek gün gyi sonam dra

Applying pith instructions will be like trying to cultivate high ground in winter.

यर्रे स्वायाक्ता सर्वेदे प्यार हे हिवायाय है।

do ngak gyatsö yangtsé dzogpa ché

The Great Perfection is the pinnacle of the ocean of sūtra and mantra.

षायमञ्जाकममञ्जूनायदेगानुस्रयायाय।

salam chikchar dröpé dampa la

Generate the power of intense appreciation, aspiration, and diligence

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dé dün tsönpa drakpö tob kyé né

For these instructions for traversing the paths and levels all at once,

क्षेट धेरे दें तथा महिया नरे हम सामित सहिता

nyingpö dön la zholwé nyamlen dzö

And take them to heart with a focus on the essential meaning.

ने सुरावसूवरायरा न्यायर्त्ये रार्ने सामुना विदा।

detar drubpé daljor dönden zhing

Practicing in this way will give significance to the freedoms and advantages,







वकै।वादर्में दायाये प्राचीता विकास

chikha gyöpa mepé deng nyé dé

And you will discover the confidence of being without regrets at the time of death.

र्देव महिषार र मीयाय मुनाय है व मीया है व मीया है व मीया है

dön nyi ngang gi drubpé gatön gyi

Through the joyous celebration of spontaneously accomplishing twofold benefit,

lo dé bak peb rang drinché bar gyi

You will show yourself immense kindness, as your mind is happy and at ease.

ने सिन श्रीकाराय से समानगार श्रीका ।

deké mepé namkar gyi

Through the virtue of speaking these words,

श्चन नसूत नस्वित वर्षे गुत्र नदी।

tubten dar zhing dro kün dé

May the Sage's teachings flourish and all beings be happy.

नन्गागुराकें सम्बाधस्य उन्तु।

dak kyang tserab tamché du

May I too, in all my lives to come,

lab chen zhendön chöpar shok

Bring vast waves of benefit to others.







This was written in the hermitage of Great Secret Liberation into the Body of Light on the twenty-fifth day of the ninth month of the Iron Dragon year⁷ by the śramaṇerik \bar{a} follower of Ś \bar{a} kyamuni called Mumtso in response to a request from some lamas and monks who hold the dharma lineage of Orgyen Mindrolling. May it bring virtue and excellence!

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Notes

- 1. On the twenty-one sets of five characteristics possessed by a pratimokṣa preceptor, see Jamgön Kongtrul Lodrö Tayé, *Buddhist Ethics*, Ithaca: Snow Lion, 1998, pp. 336–338, n. 27
- 2. Fourfold abandonment (*spong ba bzhi*) here refers to the four basic precepts of not taking life, not taking what is not given, avoiding sexual misconduct and not lying. Sevenfold abandonment (*spong ba bdun*) means avoiding the three unvirtuous actions of the body (taking life, taking what is not given, and sexual misconduct) and the four of the speech (lying, divisive talk, harsh speech, and idle gossip).
- 3. The traditions of Profound View initiated by $N\bar{a}g\bar{a}rjuna$ and that of Vast Conduct initiated by Asanga.
- 4. The two aspects are 1) focusing on sentient beings with compassion, and 2) focusing on perfect enlightenment with wisdom.
- 5. According to Buddhaguhya, a teacher of secret mantra should 1) hold the treasury of the view, 2) meditation, and 3) action of secret mantra, 4) have perfected the four rivers of empowerment, 5) be skilled in presenting the teachings to students at the appropriate level, 6) be learned in the tantras and activity, 7) know how to put the instructions into practice, and 8) have gained the 'warmth' of experience.
- 6. This refers to the concomitant (*mtshungs ldan gyi rgyu*) and cooperative causes (*lhan cig byed pa'i rgyu*) and the causal (*rgyu'i rkyen*), dominant (*bdag po'i rkyen*), objective (*dmigs rkyen*) and immediately preceding conditions (*de ma thag rkyen*).
- 7. There was no twenty-fifth day that year, but the dakina day celebration would have been held on the twenty-sixth, corresponding to 21 November 2000.









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