

चारित्याराज्यायां योषायां त्यात्रीत्राची स्वायत्त्रीत्यायां स्वायत्यायां विश्वायां स्वायत्यायां विश्वायां स्वाय

The Tambura's Yearning Song of Devotion

A Prayer Summarizing Khandro Yeshé Tsogyal's Life and Liberation by Jamgön Kongtrul Lodrö Thayé

वर्के गुरु हूँ वह गीवे थे। Namo Guru Jñana Dakinyai!

गुब्रामु:नबद:ब्रेजिकारन:संदेश:ब्रुब्रा

kuntuzangmo sherab parol chin

Samantabhadri, Unchanging Goodness, Prajñaparamita, Perfection of Wisdom,

न्वीन्याधुनाकुयाधुयाई हो इत्यातर्वेर या

yingchuk gyalyum dorjé naljorma

Dhatvishvari, Mother of All Encompassing Space, Vajrayogini,

न्तुन्यास्त्रायुर्वीष्यान्येयासर्वे मुयात्वयया

yangchen lhamo yeshe tsogyal shyab

Sarasvati, Goddess of Learning, Yeshé Tsogyal, Wisdom Queen of the Lake,

त्रुः अञ्जूष्म मुख्या सामदात्वर्षे र मुर्वेत्य च तद्वस्य

lama ku sum khandror solwa deb

Dakini inseparable from the Guru's three kayas: to you, we pray!

केंगायसम्बद्धाः दुः दुः द्वेति त्यसाकेत् देशियमा

chö pak drung du mönlam chenpo teb

Before Dharmodgata,³ you made great aspirations;

वियासदा क्षेत्र क्रमा महिता के क्रमा विषय

tubpé chen ngar gang gé lhamor trul

Before the Sage, you manifested as Gangadevi;⁴

न्यान्यतः बिनः नुःतसयाश्राः सान्यान्यान्याः स्वास्तरा

dakpé shying du pakma yangchenmé

In the pure realms,⁵ you took the form

भुषि नर्गेर्प्य नम्भून या गर्भेय न तर्नेनमा

ku yi köpar ten la solwa deb

Of the exalted goddess Sarasvati: to you, we pray!

ग्राम्ब स्वामृत्य ग्रायन्य यदे पुरायन्य संहो

gangchen dulja dulwé dü bab tsé

When the time had come to tame the beings of Tibet,

kha lé tabshé yikdrü nampa yi

You descended from the sky, as means and wisdom united.⁶

श्रीयात्रातीतात्राधर क्रियंत्र ग्रीत्रेश्वर श्रीत्या

drak yul khar chen rik kyi lhum su shyuk

In Drak, you entered the womb of a Kharchen maid

यूकानवर द्वनाकोद् सूद या मुक्तियान यद्देनका

tezang pakmé nang la solwa deb

And manifested countless auspicious signs: to you, we pray!

नुःसङ्ग्रेयः त्रुदेः केंश्वरः नुषा

ja lo treldé tsé chü nyishar dü

You were born in the bird year, on the tenth of the monkey month, at sunrise.

भी यत्रेषाया कु.य.या त्या त्यीया व्यीया ही ही र

ku tam tsé na sayö drukdra dir

The earth shook and thunder filled the sky,

यो दिया कर प्रप्यका हु भी यहिँ वें कुषा

metok charbab la yi tsomo gyé

Flowers fell like rain, the lake overflowed,

तहतर्दिन् गुर केंद्रस्त या गर्वेषा न तन्त्रभ

ja ögur chen pub la solwa deb

And huge canopies of light streamed across the sky in rainbows: to you, we pray!

यक्षेत्रम् साम्यान्य प्रमान्त्रीय साम्यान्य स्वामान्य स्

tam ma tak né yangsal tsikché sung

At birth, you uttered the alphabet and recited lines of poetry.

याययः यथाः युः से स्थानः यो स्थानः यो हे न

kha lé lhamo mangpö shipa jö

The sky rang with the sound of goddesses singing verses of auspiciousness.

त्रुपानिकात्रकात्रकात्रकात्रकात्रकात्रकात्रका

dawa chik né lo gyé natsö dzok

After just one month you looked like an eight-year-old child,

मुल'विस्रक्ष'सूद्र'यक'द्वित'रा'विर्वेश'व'र्वेदक्ष

gyalkham nyenpé khyab la solwa deb

And your fame spread across the kingdom: to you, we pray!

वर्विर वर्ते वर्षेष् रर देशवतुर वृत्रश्वास द्यार्थेश

khorwé tsönrar ngejung shuk drakpö

Developing renunciation for samsara's prison,

कुणस्वार्श्वेद प्राधीयम् देव पुर्वेम

gyaltren longwa po lé ring du drö

You fled far from the suitors of surrounding kingdoms,

सदतः चन्ना विः श्रॅनः श्रुनामः ग्रीः चलेनः पः सूरः।

ngadak trisong tuk kyi shyepa tar

And, aligning yourself with King Tri Songdetsen,

ष्यः भ्रीः द्रसः धरः चुँद्रायः ग्रार्केयः चायदेवस्रा

khab kyi dampar jön la solwa deb

You entered his noble court: to you, we pray!

त्रच्चे त्र्रीं मारे मारावे मानुसा केन खुः वा स्वीमा

dri lok rigpé né chen nga lasok

Reading, writing, the five major sciences⁷–

মানম'নম'নহ'নমূব'র্ডা'গ্রীম'র্বাম'র্যুন্ত্রা

khepé da ten tsam gyi tuk su chü

A few signs by the teachers, and you understood everything.

র্ষুরস্কুদমাঝমানের্র্রার্ক্তমাঝামান্যাথীমা

ngön jang letro chö la sepa yi

Your previous karma sparked your interest in the Dharma,

chö kyi nyer dzin dzé la solwa deb

And you became spiritual advisor to the king: to you, we pray!

र्श्वेत्रप्रदेश्वरप्रतिवेद्यायक्ष्यस्य प्रतिविधाराः

lobpön pejung chimpur shyukpa nyi

While you, the master Padmakara, were residing at Chimpu,8

कुरार्चे बासुवाद्दर बाकुरास्त्री दास्रहरास्त्रा

gyalpö chendrang gyalsi mandal pul

The king invited you to court and offered his kingdom as a mandala.

र्रेल सेन् हेग्या म्यून न्या मुर्वेल निवासम्

tsolmé tekpa nangwar soltab pé

When he asked you to teach the effortless yana,9

sang ngak könpar ten la solwa deb

You demonstrated the rarity of Secret Mantra: 10 to you, we pray!

<u>सूर प्यर अर्के मुखरे र समृद्य र स्याम</u>ी

lar yang tsogyal dé tün damdzé kyi

Again, Padmakara, you were offered a grand feast¹¹ with the appropriate samaya substances and also the lady Tsogyal.

र्केन्यायाविर सुवानसान्त्रीयानिदान्यदान्यानसूवा

tsokkhor pulwé gyé shyin nangwa tsal

With joy, you accepted the king's request to teach,

हें बैर अरत गुर्वेष द्वर ग्रीय कुर क्रीय अहेर

jomor ngasol wang gi gyü min dzé

Took Yeshé Tsogyal as consort, and granted her empowerments,

षाष्ट्रभयासीयः योषारः हुँदिः योजीयोषाः जायोजीयः यायदेवसा

chimpur sang chö shek la solwa deb

Returning together to Chimpu for secret practices: to you, we pray!¹²

श्रेःश्रेन्याशुस्रार्शेग्याश्रेग्याशकेःसुन्यी

denö sum sok tekpa chechung gi

Having trained in the Dharma of cause and result,

इटर्ड्न कुष्वमळेलाया ह्री बुटरावीटा

drangdön gyundré chö la lo jang shing

In the three collections—the Dharma of scripture, ¹³ and the provisional meaning of the twofold vehicle, ¹⁴

न्वान्याः उदावियाः याचियायाः वीत्राचीत्राः याचित्राः याच

yangchen shyalzik mi jé zung chok tob

You met Sarasvati, the Goddess of Learning, face to face, she gave you the supreme siddhi of perfect recall,

बार्देब् विशासुत्रसुत्यानक्षेत्रात्यानार्वेत्यानात्रदेनमा

ngönshé dzutrul nyé la solwa deb

And so you gained clairvoyance and magical powers: to you, we pray!

বল্লুবান্ত্র্বামান্ত্রবান্ত্রের ক্রিনান্তর

drubja tsuk tub sheja khong trol ching

Able to accomplish whatever was needed, mastering whatever explanations you heard,

न्वेयानुःस्यान्धेत्रःचेयान्यादेःत्यन्वतन्धेन।

sheja pul chin tek gü la shen ché

Understanding whatever was to be known—this is how you came to define the nine yanas.

केंग'न्ट केंग'भेन प्राप्तीन ग्रीट न्यानहेंग।

chö dang chö min shenjé long né dol

In the depths of your being, you could tell valid from invalid,

lé dré rang tsang zik la solwa deb

Thus perceiving the deceptive creations of karma: to you, we pray!

कुंतर्चमायाः बुँदेः बचाम्यराचर्यायते द्वा

gyundré la dö zabsang tsal shyé né

Wanting to know the profound secret beyond karmic causality,

गु:रु:हे:यशयदिद्यःदगदिःद्यःकैंगार्वेद्।

guru jé lé da ké damtsik nö

You received, from the Guru, 15 the samayas beyond transgression.

ग्रापाय:युर:चगाय:यर्त्राःर्केशःग्री:क्रुःसर्केःषी

ya lung ka dü chö kyi gyatso yi

In Yamalung, 16 to ripen your mind-stream, he gave you

वैनायर कुर ब्रेन्यहर याग्रेजिय च तर्निया

tokmar gyü min dzé la solwa deb

The Ocean of Dharma, Great Gathering of Transmitted Precepts:¹⁷ to you, we pray!

गर्नि हैं ५ हैं के हैं ५ ६ दूर है या सेवर्ग

shyo tö ti dror jé dang lhenchik peb

By miraculous means, the two of you sped to Shotö Tidrö¹⁸

क्रियामात्मरःकेवार्बारः चने केवासङ्ग्यासुत्या

tsokkhang chenmor dechen mandal pul

Where, in the assembly hall, you offered the Guru the mandala of great bliss.

ग्रमान्यतः द्वारान्यत्रेयः भुग्नासुरः सुम्रमानः सुः श्रीम्।

sangwé wang shyi ku sung tuk su min

Thus you were granted the four secret empowerments, which matured in you the enlightened body, speech and mind

मु: अति: द्वाः सूदः तिर्वेदशः यः वार्षेयः चः तद्वश

lamé daknang jong la solwa deb

And refined your pure perception of the master: to you, we pray!

त्रुपारु द्वर देव स्यासुरका यथा

dawa druk tu wangdön tsal jangpé

Having cultivated for six months the empowerments received,

नुसार्श्वेरात्तुनातवाना हेनात्रचेतान्युः मान्नेसान्ना

dü jor lung gak tendrel chunyi dang

At an auspicious time you halted your karmic winds, thus purifying the twelve links. 19

ग्रम्भ्यमायायनि द्यायमुग्निमायास्य विद्या

nekab shyi dak chunyi sa chok nön

And four occasions,²⁰ and seizing the supreme twelfth ground.²¹

বন্ধরাখনার্থীর দূর ভূর থা বার্নী থা বা নেই বন্ধা

samyé yönten den la solwa deb

Through this, you attained inconceivable qualities: to you, we pray!

गुःरुवे सुर निवेदानयार्भेवे सुयानु हुँद्

gurü lung shyin balpö yul du jön

Following the Guru's instructions you travelled to Nepal,

য়৾৽য়য়ৼৼ৾৽য়য়ৣৼয়৽য়ৢয়৾ঽৼয়ৢয়৽ৼয়৽য়৻ঀয়৽৻য়য়৻

mi sé ro lang ser gyi rin shyal né

Brought a corpse back to life, were rewarded with gold

রনমাশ্রী'ব্যবে'র্নজান্তম মানীবন্ধুমা

tab kyi pawo a tsar salé lü

And ransomed your consort of skilful means, Acharya Salé.

गुनुषान्गादि तर्शे अर न्तृषाषाम् गुर्वेषान तर्नेनमा

dul ké dro mang tul la solwa deb

In such ways, you guided beings, so difficult to tame: to you, we pray!

ব'ঝ'হ্ল'ম'পুস্তান'আর্থিদাথা

ba su dha ra shakya dé ma sok

You exchanged teachings with Vasudhara, 22 Shakyadema23 and others,

pentsün chö sen lar yang ti dror peb

And made your way back to Tidrö.

न्गतः नितिः स्थाः सुन्यः निरु ग्रीः न्ने सः गुनः सेन।

ga shyi tsal jang chü kyi ngödrub tob

You cultivated the four joys,²⁴ attained the siddhi of the vital essence,²⁵

तवुराष्ट्ररारराद्वराञ्चुरायाम्बेयावायदेवमा

jung ngar rangwang gyur la solwa de

And brought the five elements under your control: to you, we pray!

र्केशः कुयः गर्वेत्यः यहतः प्यतः पुत्रः त्रकेत्रशः सुरः सेवत्र।

chögyal soltab yabyum chimpur peb

At the buddhist king's request, ²⁶ you accompanied the Guru to Chimpu,

ন্ন মন দ্বীক্র বর্মি বক্কু দ্ব গ্রিপু জী

lamé kyilkhor gya dang nyishu yi

Where he disclosed a hundred and twenty peerless mandalas

वयास्त्रेमः स्नयाः स्व स्तुसः त्र सुद्धाः त्र सुद्धाः त्र स्तरः सहित्।

shyal ché kalden sumgya minpar dzé

And thereby matured three hundred fortunate disciples.

मुम्बारा सुनारमात केंद्राचनसाया मुर्केषा चायदेवसा

tuk drub ka chen bab la solwa deb

And so you received the heart practice of the enlightened mind: to you, we pray!

हेर्बेर व्यानबुनगप्य वीद्य हेर्द्य ।

ti dror lama drubpé jin chen tob

Having accomplished the Guru practice at Tidrö, you received great blessings,

बूट न वस्र राज्य स्तर है ।

nangwa tamché lamé rolpar shar

And all appearances arose as the Guru's great display.

क्रिं मुन्यायतः तर्येतिः स्रीतः र्येषायाः तितः स्रोर्केषाः नर्योत्।

orgyen khandrö ling sok shying chok drö

In visions you travelled to Uddiyana, land of the dakinis, and to other lands supreme among all realms.

र्देशकर नम्कें अन्ति ने निष्ण न निष्ण न निष्ण न

ngotsar da chö zik la solwa deb

And so it was that you beheld marvellous signs: to you, we pray!

वस में सि.स.स.स.स.स.स.स.स.स.स.स.स.स.स.

zegö lü ngak yi dang sangye ten

You practiced the austerities of food and clothing, of body, speech and mind, and the Buddha's teaching,

गालव देव क्षेट हेवे दगाव च केव वे च कुट्

shyendön nyingjé kawa chenpo gyé

Bringing benefit to others and practicing compassion.

गु:रुतिःचगादःसुदःहःचित्रव्यवरःष्ट्रीवःवया

gurü kalung jishyin tarchin né

As prophesied by the Guru, you mastered these eight great challenges

र्भे सिंदे सुन हमार्थ वेंद्र या मार्थेया न यहेनला

sosö drubtak tön la solwa de

And displayed signs of accomplishment in every case: to you, we pray!

यापायः यान्यायाक्यायाः सुः यानुसार्वेदिः याने हेर्ने ह्नेत्।

ya gang tsam su tummö dé drö nyé

On the Ya glacier²⁷ when you accomplished the bliss and heat of tummo,²⁸

ययायदे में यात्रया रुषायदे मुन्दुन्य सहय।

palpé gödral rüpé gyen druk dzé

You needed no ordinary clothing, for the six bone ornaments were your adornments.

र्शर में हिंद दुःश्चव क्षेत्र पर्वे पर्वे पर्वा

sengé dzong du men gyi chü lönpé

In Sengé Dzong, you extracted the essence of medicinal herbs as your sustenance,

drangsong men lhé chö la solwa deb

And you were worshipped by all the masters and deities of healing: to you, we pray!

गर्नेमानस्मानुमानन्।तहतःत्युमासामतःह्युन्।नह्नेमा

dö ché lü zé jalü khachö nyé

Dissolving into rainbow body as you entered the realm of Vajravarahi,

ngak ni tsang yang yenlak drukchu dzok

Your speech was perfectly endowed with sixty melodious tones,

sem la dorjé tabü tingdzin den

And your mind immersed in the vajra-like samadhi,

सर्केन्। बुद्द-दर्देश युन-नह्नेश थ नार्वेश न तद्देनश

choktün ngödrub nyé la solwa deb

You who attained all the supreme and ordinary siddhis: to you, we pray!

वेरेन्ट्रेन्तुः सेन्द्रः सेन्स्येवः ही।

né ring dzong du mi dang mi min gyi

At Nering Dzong,²⁹ there were hordes of humans and other beings.

न्ध्र केंबाया नमुखा दया नन् स्वते वादी वा नगेनि

pungtsok tul né depé shyi la kö

You subdued them all, causing great faith to spark and grow within them.

यद्युक्तेत्र व्युत्त्र द्वाया ग्रीय श्रीट स्नीट स्वा

tuchen lha dré nam kyi song nying pul

Powerful gods and demons offered you their life-force

नमृत्रपतिःशुरःसरःनभूकायाम्बर्धयानायनेनमा

tenpé sungmar kö la solwa deb

And you appointed them as guardians of the teachings: to you, we pray!

श्रे.ब्री.क्रेय.क्ट. बय.जश्र.यर्थे.व्यथ्य.ब्रीटी

pa dro tak tsang zablam tulshyuk chö

At Paro Taktsang,³⁰ you adopted the yogic discipline of the profound path,

go sum dechen dorjé sum du gyur

Transforming your three doors³¹ into the three vajras of supreme bliss.

वरु:नुवा:यर:र्केश:स्रोवा:पदे:ववि:यन्दशःदवर।

chudruk langtsö gekpé zidang bar

You shone, then, mesmerising as a sixteen-year-old maiden.

<u> द्रथय के जि.स. गा.ज.च के ज्या स्वत्यका</u>

palmo heruka la solwa de

Courageous heruka goddess: to you we pray!

क्रें-द्रयम् अद्रायम् द्रयम् त्रम् स्त्रम् स्त्रम् वर्षे

tsepakmé pé wangkur lungten tob

Amitayus bestowed on you empowerments and prophecies,

dré gü mi nga tsé yi rigdzin nyé

Through which you attained the vidyadhara level of immortality, beyond the reach of death and decline.

सम्रतः प्यान्ग्रीयः दिन्दः गुन् ग्रीः गर्डे से रः ग्रुर।

tayé kyilkhor kün gyi tsomor gyur

You became the principal goddess of every limitless mandala,

कॅंचन्यासविदावेद् त्वचर सर यार्थिय चावदेवसा

tsedak ting öbar mar solwa deb

Blazing dark blue lady of longevity: to you we pray!³²

बेंब्रबें नग्रानिषाहोतुः तद्देब्रह्मा सुन्तवुदः।

mönmo tashi khyé'u dren jesu zung

Having accepted Tashi Kyidren of Mön as your disciple,³³

व्रास्त्रम्याक्राहे हे स्राप्तायाया

ö pu tak tsang dorjé purpa drub

Together with the Guru you practiced Vajrakila in Öpu Taktsang,³⁴

बूँट मधुक्र खुल दो गुन की खेँन की टार्चन

tongsum lha dré kün gyi soknying lön

Seizing the life force of all the gods and demons of the three-thousand-fold universe.

र्रेचेर्यासुमार्क्षेम्याहे सायाम्बर्यायायतेनस्य

yingchuk tsokjé ma la solwa deb

Dhatvishvari, Mother of All-Encompassing Space: to you we pray!

वेज्यति वेज्यसम्बद्धाय तुरुपा वर्षा पर्वेज्य

lokpé bön nam dzutrul nüpé chom

By means of wondrous magic you defeated the evil bönpos,

र्श्वेग र्ह्हेन् अर रेवि यश रन मुर्हे कुन नरुर

dik lön mangpö lé ngen kyé gyün ché

And put a stop to the actions of the wicked ministers there.

gendün yen sel tab dang tukjé tul

You healed the discord in the Sangha, guiding with skill and compassion,

कुण नसूद हेद सेंर सहर ल न सेंल न तरेनसा

gyalten nyinmor dzé la solwa deb

Allowing the teachings of the Victorious One to shine like the sun: to you, we pray!

[सरमामारअप्तरमार्डरमोहेंबें ब्रह्म

kha rak gang dang tsang gi jomo nang

At the Karak glacier, at Jomonang in Tsang,

तुवायायुरानुः सुदायकुरायगायायकुरासेया

ukpa lung du nyengyü kagyü pel

And in the valley of Ukpalung, you spread the lineage oral instructions.

অমান্তৰ্মীনব্ৰশ্যুনৰ্বনামূনক্ৰামীৰামা

lechen mi dün drubtob ngabgya sok

By this means, seven fortunate ones were matured and liberated,

mindrol pakmé dzé la solwa deb

And likewise five hundred siddhas, and many more besides: to you, we pray!

नुसरीं मृदस्सु हम् प्रसी महुद्वाया

shampo gang su jakpa mi dün la

At the Shampo glacier³⁵ you introduced seven bandits

र्रे सुन् गुनानक्ने या छो। क्वाना खुवा चुना पुरा

ngo tré drub nyé orgyen yul du tang

To the nature of mind, and sent them on to Uddiyana.³⁶

चवासुवासामदावर्ग्गामायासिङ्कासा

balyul khandro kala siddhi ma

In Nepal you took the Dakini Kalasiddhi under your care

हेशन वुर ग्रम् अया ध्या ग्रीय या ग्रीय या प्रदेवया

jezung dampé drol la solwa deb

And granted her liberating instructions: to you, we pray!

सकेसमासुर मुन्दुः हे दर ख़ुब हेगा हु।

chimpur guru jé dang lhenchik tu

Together with the Guru, you stayed again at Chimpu,

lo drang chuchik shyuk né tuk kyi dzö

Where for eleven years he bestowed upon you all his heart treasures,

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lhakmé bumpa gang jö tsul du shyé

With nothing omitted, as if filling a vase.

यतर सुन नह्न र होय य गर्वे य न दिन्य।

shedrub tenpa pel la solwa deb

And so you spread both theory and practice far and wide: to you, we pray!

मुनाया सुना दी ना सिना सिना सिना सिना

tuk drub jewa nyingtik tritrak kor

Millions of heart practices, ten thousands of heart essence cycles,

कुन् खुन अव नग वन छैन कु केरे केंग

gyülung mengak zab ching gyaché chö

Teachings vast and profound, tantra, scriptures and pith instructions -37

विवासेर देशसुन्द धिवादुःसर वर्गेद्।

shok ser ngö su dayik dumar kö

You codified them all in symbolic scripts on yellow scrolls,

zabter cha shyi drik la solwa deb

And, with this, you laid the foundation of the profound terma treasures: to you, we pray!

यन पुरा सुन रे ग्राया सुन हेगा नतुरा गर्दर विराया

yabyum drub rik lhenchik ütsang kham

Together with the Guru and accomplished fellow practitioners, you travelled in a group to Ü, Tsang and Kham.³⁸

ব্ৰনমান্ত্ৰীনন্দ্ৰামান্ত্ৰমানুদ্ৰামানন্দ্ৰনমা

shyab kyi chak né drubpé jin gyi lab

Together, you left footprints and blessed the land through your practice,

sawo ter gyi kang né kha jang shyak

You concealed terma treasures in the earth, left accounts,

lechen lungten dzé la solwa deb

And prophesied their revelation by those with appropriate karma: to you, we pray!

गुः रु. श्रेव पुरा सेनका संदे स्त्रुवा स्रादे त्यस

guru sin yul pebpé kyelmé lam

You accompanied your Guru as he left for the land of the rakshasas.³⁹

tsa shö rong du ati khyabdal ché

You were there at Tsashö Rong⁴⁰ when he revealed the Atiyoga teachings,

योर्थाश्वास्त्रासूच्याश्चर्त्यास्त्रस्याच्यास्त्रस्य

dampa yongdzok lungten tartuk dang

Perfect, all-encompassing in their entirety,

तन्यःहेशः इसः ग्रासुसः वितायः यात्रीयः चः तनेत्रमा

dé jé nam sum tob la solwa deb

And you received his three testaments and final prophecies: to you, we pray!

न्तरमान्द्राच्यानुरान्त्रम् विष्यामानुरान्त्रम् द्वार्या

shang dang zab bur shyuk né kalden nam

You stayed awhile in Shang and Zabu, maturing and liberating fortunate disciples.

শ্লীর শ্লীয়ে শ্লম নার্গীর জোদির দ্বানিকার আ

mindrol sar kö ati gongpa la

There, resting evenly in the wisdom expanse of Ati,

याष्ट्रयापर पत्रवापर्या देवापाळॅ प्रायाचेत्रया

nyampar shyakpé rigpa tsé la peb

Your awareness expanded to full maturity.⁴¹

विरायसम्बन्ध्यः कुषायाम्बन्धयानायनेनमा

shyingkham drukchur nyul la solwa deb

This is how you visited sixty pure realms: to you, we pray!

यर् र क्रिंब निहें र शुख्य यदि यावका वका द्रवा

dü lön shanti nyalwé né né drang

You visited the hells and rescued the evil minister Shantipa,

রমার্কামাস্কুরার্কিমান্ত্রকার্স্কুরমাস্ক্রীরার্কাকামা

zegö men nor lü sok kyab jin sok

Giving food, clothes, medicine, jewels, and protection both physically and mentally.

नन्गामान्द्रनहे नदे सहन् न दें सर्कर नमा

dakshyen jewé dzepa ngotsar bé

You performed amazing deeds of exchanging yourself with others,

<u>भृत्युत्रे द्वर र्वेशयहुर या गर्वेयाय तदेवश</u>

lha lü wangpö tü la solwa deb

And thus you were venerated by gods and nagas: to you, we pray!

মঞ্চমমাধ্যমামুশাক্রমাক্রমান্ত্রীয় মঞ্চিদ্র নাব্দামার্ক্র

chimpur lhasé gyalpö chöné dzé

At Chimpu, in Tibet, you acted as an adviser to the King. 42

र्वेन्'सुव्यमु'रुवे'हेब्र'सु'वत्त्रन्यःर्कन्'ग्री

böyul gurü jesu drang tsé kyi

You became the source of instructions to all the followers of the Guru.

योरेशकारायु पिरकाश्चित्र क्रूजा क्रीट प्रद्या मुनिर वियो

dampé khung gyur chö gyü dzamling khyab

Your teachings spread far and wide throughout the world,

त्र्वीर्देश्वयायायत्यक्रयायाम्बर्णयायायदेवया

dro dön namkha nyam la solwa deb

Bringing benefit to beings as far as space pervades: to you, we pray!

र्वेन् पुत्रा सम्बन्धः नृतुत्रा गुत्र तुः सूनः दास्नि

böyul ta ü küntu drubpa dzé

The whole of Tibet was benefited by your grace.

श्चमाननशाहेशन्दराधिमात्त्वुः भुहेनानमित्

chak shyabjé dang yikdru ku ten kö

Leaving hand- and footprints, syllables and images of deities,

यार्तेर्यान्त्रम्यास्य स्ति क्षेष्ट्रीत्वे गीव

ma ong dé gü denpé kyendro kün

You brought benefit to everyone connected with you,

तच्याक्रम्द्रिक्ष्य्यस्त्र्यः वार्षेवाचात्रेत्रया

dreltsé dönden dzé la solwa de

Including all those in the future with faith and devotion: to you, we pray!

ग्रुब्यःकेषःचकुःसःग्रुब्यःस्वःचुःचःचनुब्रा

né chen gya tsa né tren jewa dün

You journeyed to great numbers of sacred sites, one hundred major and seven million minor,

यारश्रारे हेर ख़्रें हैं र के ब्रावर्के वक्क प्राप्त ।

gangri nyernga dzong chen chobgyé dang

Twenty-five glaciers, eighteen major regions,

শ্বমাধ্যমানমুনান্তমানী আর্ক্রমান্তমান্ত্রী

bé yul chunyi ngotsar né chok dün

Twelve hidden valleys, seven spectacular places,

गुर्भर नदि गुरुषायूर निवेष्यायाया नर्षेषाया तरेवस्य

sangwé né ngar shek la solwa deb

And seven supremely secret sites: to you, we pray!

ने न्या द्वाया सुर्केश दें र न्या स्या ही।

dedak nam su chö nor damdzé kyi

In these places, under seal, you hid countless terma caskets

गहेरावः म्रारमा सेन् सुमानीर गहेरावनमा नस्समा

terkha drangmé bé shing ter shyab dam

With teachings, precious objects, and samaya substances.

ब्रैंब यस विकास नहें न सक नुका गुबाहा

mönlam shipa jöpé dü küntu

Uttering aspirations and verses of auspiciousness,

<u> न्वो'येवाबाक्कायर अर्हन्'यावार्केयाव यनेवबा</u>

gelek gyepar dzé la solwa deb

You ensured the rise of excellence and virtue forever: to you, we pray!

श्ररः कुरः हें हि: ५ड़िरशः ग्रीः गर्हुंगाः यगः हु।

kar chung dorjé ying kyi tsuklak tu

By giving teachings at the temple of Karchu Dorje Ying,

<u>क्रें ब्र</u>ेश्ना अप्रक्रेत्र क्षेत्र क्षेत

lhasé ché tsö kalden checham nam

The vast and profound Three Gatherings⁴³ and others,

तर्भाराङ्ग्रीर नासुसायार्थेन्था वन कुषाणी

düpa korsum lasok zabgyé kyi

You matured and liberated fortunate sons and daughters,

केंगः क्षेत्रः कष्टे क्षेत्रः क्षेत्रः क्षेत्रः क्षेत्रः क्षेत्रः कष्टे क

chögö mindrol dzé la solwa deb

The prince foremost among them: to you, we pray!

ग्रमार तर्रुका स्त्रुच कें गुः रु: दर्देका सु: हिंद्रा

sangdü drub tsé guru ngö su jön

As you practiced the Gathering of Secrets,⁴⁴ the Guru appeared to you

বিশাননুবানবুদামাৰ্মান্ত্ৰ্যুম্বামান্ত্ৰীবাৰ্ত্ৰীয়োমাইন্।

shyakdün shyuk né lhasé mindrol dzé

And stayed for seven days, maturing and liberating the prince.⁴⁵

gongpa rangdrol lasok ngönmé kyi

Thus with compassion you bestowed the first profound instructions

यद्यसः वयः व्यायः हेसः यद्भूतः तः यस्ति यः यद्वेयस

dam zab tukjé tsal la solwa deb

Of the Naturally Liberated Wisdom:46 to you, we pray!

यायर कुर सेवका दका दर्वे दका सर सक्रम मादना सका

khar chur peb né gongpar nyam shyakpé

You journeyed to Karchu, 47 where in meditative equipoise

केंग छेन् बन् पते सून प्रसंत नु शुरा

chönyi zepé nangwa ngön du gyur

You actualized the dissolution of experience into its nature.⁴⁸

द्रयायाद्यायावयास्य यानाः तत्त्वासूयायाधीया

rik druk né su gang dul trulpa yi

Sending forth your emanations as guides throughout the six realms,

तर्वर चर्नेर वश्चुम्यायाम्बर्ण चत्रनेवश

khorwa dong né truk la solwa deb

And you dredged samsara from its depths: to you, we pray!

तसमानासिः पुत्रान्यासङ्कः र तृ हिन्।

pakpé yul né mendara ba jön

Mandarava came from the holy land of India.

damngak ga dar chö kyi drowar dzé

And together you discussed the Dharma, compared pith instructions,

ধৰ'কুৰ'ক্ৰম'নামৰ'নমূলম'নইন্'ম'দিল'নইন্

pentsün chö sen ngak jö metok tor

And exchanged teachings with one another, amid garlands of praise.

नैयानि नियम्

shipé yang nyen pel la solwa deb

Such was the delightful melody of auspiciousness: to you, we pray!

क्षर प्यतः वृत्रका ग्री वता तुः सुतः तुः हिंद्र।

lar yang shang kyi zab bu lung du jön

You returned to the valley of Zabu in Shang,

tsokkhor cher dzé tsa lob chuchikpa

Where you performed a great feast⁴⁹ with your eleven heart disciples,⁵⁰

स्वानकुरस्य नास्वीर तर्ते सव राजा वी

nyengyü marwa nying dré mengak ni

And granted hundreds of pith instructions —

नकुः सन्वदः नरः अहं ५ त्यः न्ये वेत्यः नः तदेनका

gya tsa nangwar dzé la solwa deb

The beating heart of the oral lineage: to you, we pray!

leden sosö solwa tabpa lé

Responding to the heartfelt prayers of your disciples,

ष्याम्बर्गास्य स्तरः चस्त्रस्त्री स्त्रमानस्त्रमा

shyaldam lungten chi tsik labja tsal

You gave prophecies, instructions, and words of advice.

धेरमद्भारम्मुराधिक्रमात्रमुनस्यादिनाहु।

yong dril gunglo nyigya chuchik tu

You remained for two hundred and eleven years

वेद्- धुवः नादुवः नुः च श्रुद्दश्चः वा नाविवः च वद्देवशा

böyul dulja kyang la solwa deb

To protect and be a guide for Tibetans: to you, we pray!

चः त्रुतिः केंगानक्षुन् नाद्यानाशुक्षाक्षायतः तर्वो नृतः।

jadé tsé gyé né sum khandro dang

On the eighth day of the bird month, dakinis of the three worlds

र प्यतः श्रीवः विष्ये यमुद्र यसु या श्लीय।

ngayab sinpo dé gyé suwa leb

And rakshasas of all eight classes came from Camara to greet you.

र्वेन्।वस्रक्षःक्षुःस्रोक्षःबुःयदःनगुःक्षेरःन्नः।

bö kham lhami shyu len gu kor dang

You granted nine requests made by gods and humans

कें न्त्रुर त्युर चसूव वावर व्यावार्वे व्यावायने वसा

chegur lungten nang la solwa deb

And gave prophecies of nine great events: to you, we pray!

म्बर्धानयः वर्षे स्वायः गरिः गणमः गणिवः नसूया

mön bal khandro tukké yé yön dü

You gathered the two dakinis from Bhutan and Nepal into your heart centre, one on either side.⁵¹

क्रमानसुर सामद तर्गे से नात्रमान ने नामान थी।

tsé chur khandro dé shyi tekpa yi

And on the tenth day, within an aura of light,

वेंद्रशीयदें विरावेंद्रशीयोंद्रश्चराव्यामा

ö kyi do ler ö kyi gongbur shyuk

Borne by four dakinis on a palanquin of light rays,

यक्षेत्रमात्रवाकेसमात्रमुखायाम्बर्धयायावित्रमा

tsewé shyal chem tsal la solwa deb

You lovingly gave your final testament: to you, we pray!

र्दे के मार्वेब वु तुरा सुर सर्दे ब चुर कुन

ngowo shyönnu bumkur ngönjang chub

In essence you actualized full awakening, the youthful vase body was yours.

क्यायादाध्यायञ्चातेन नुर्जेवा

nampa ngayab pema ö du jön

In appearance you journeyed to the Palace of Lotus Light,⁵²

মানব:দর্নী মহীন দৈনি দেনম মানী ক্রিমান বুদা বুমা

khandro ting öbar mé tsul zung né

In the form of the dakini Blazing Blue Light,⁵³

শ্রীর শ্রুঝ নারু হ'ঝ আই হ'ঝ নার্মি অ'ব'র ইবমা

sin gyal zung ma dzé la solwa deb

There to rule the rakshasas as their queen: to you, we pray!

यार वी भुग्वासुर द्वाया धिव द्वेव यय दी।

gang gi ku sung tuk yön trinlé ni

Your enlightened body, speech, and mind, and all your enlightened qualities and activities,

गु:रु:हे:८८:अक्ष्य:प:क्रेट:ग्रुट:क्ष्य

guru jé dang nyampa nyi gyur né

Are inseparable from those of your master and Guru.

ব্যামান্ত্রান্ত্রান্ত্রান্ত্রান্ত্রান্ত্রা

namkhé gar khyab mi zé gyen khor ngé

And these five inexhaustible aspects reach wherever space extends,

त्वन केर तर्वे देव सर्द त्या व वेषा न तरे न वा

khyab ching dro dön dzé la solwa deb

Bringing benefit to beings: to you, we pray!

ह्यद्रायर विद्युष्य वर्षे व्याहेश वर्रे वर्षा

khyepar böyul dro la jé tsewé

On account of your love for the people of Tibet,

इवातस्तानेराय्यागर्देरावर्द्रानुवान्ता

namtrul nyerngé tsor dzé dü taktu

You appeared to them in twenty-five primary manifestations; and at all times you send

कुन से तकर पर सुवा रहा पर सुवा से निया

gyün mi chepar trul dang yangtrul sok

An uninterrupted stream of perfect emanations

ग्रान्याम् त्रत्याक्षेत् याम्राक्षेत्य न तर्नेनका

gang la gang dul tön la solwa deb

As guides and teachers for all sentient beings: to you, we pray!

त्रमान्त्रम् सम्मानाः सूरः सूरः त्युरः तसूरः विरः।

lechen nam la panglang lung tsal shying

To us, your disciples, you offer friendly counsel on what we should adopt and avoid.

वर:क्रन्:बेव्य:न्द:न्देंब:त्रुव:ब्रुंव्य:व:धे।

barché sel dang ngödrub tsolwa yi

You dispel any obstacles and you grant us siddhis.

dongdrok dzé sok bö kham tak kyongwé

In these and other ways you are always our guardian,

यान्द्रिमाद्भिन्द्रेरिकः यान्यस्यानायद्भनस्य

ma chik drinmo ché la solwa deb

Tibet's one true Mother, peerless and kind: to you, we pray.

न्वीन्यायाञ्चयात्री व्यायायायायायाया

gongpa zabmo namkha nyampar khyab

Your profound wisdom-mind pervades the whole of space,

इन्। यहे के अदे न्यीय विद्रायम सुनानम्य

tukjé nyimé kyilkhor lé lhak sal

Your compassion shines more brightly than the sun,

jinlab trin dang ngödrub drang char lé

A sweet rain of siddhis falls from the clouds of your blessings.

शुर नदि पुराकेन से या गर्भेया न यदेनमा

nyurwé yum chenmo la solwa deb

Great mother of swift enlightened action: to you we pray!

<u> ব্ৰহ্ম ব্যুষ্ণ ধৰা ক্ষিত্ৰ বাব্য ব্যৱস্থা</u>

dé ching güpé solwa tabpé tü

Through the power of our prayer to you, our faith and devotion,

इंसेर्'लेशकुर्'कुर्'कुर्'र राम्बेग्राया

drimé yeshe chen gyi rab zik la

You gaze upon us with the eyes of primordial wisdom.⁵⁴

र्वयाया हुतु स्वेयाया ग्रीया श्रीय: र्रीय विद्यातीय।

tukjé chakkyü nyurdu zung né kyang

Swiftly seize and bind us us with your hook of compassion

यानयः हुँ नि:न्याः नि:नि:नु:यद्वेब:यरः यहैं नि

khachö dakpé shying du drenpar dzö

And lead us to Khecara, the pure land of the dakinis.

भुेंद्र केंद्र प्रकागुद्र कुष्युवाका हेका बुद्र का

kyé dang tserab küntu tukjé zung

Hold us, in this life and all our lives to come,

<u>रुष:५८:३व:५:गुव:५:चैव:चैशःक्रेंत्रषा</u>

dü dang nampa küntu jingyi lob

And in your compassion grant us your blessing

वर्रे दर महत्र्द्र चर्गमी द्वारासर्हेर्।

di dang tendu dak gi lama dzö

Now and forever, be our teacher

यार्केन द्रम् सुवार्थेन द्रिमासुवासासुवार्थेल।

chok dang tünmong ngödrub malü tsol

And grant us every siddhi, common and supreme!

गुर्वाचन्नरायन्।यनुरायवायुर्वाकेयन्।

kunzang pejung yabyum chindrawa

Exactly as they are, the excellent Padmakara and his consort,

नेत्रहार्वे बर चन्ना ग्राट क्षुर त्या वा से।

dendra khonar dak kyang nyur drub té

May we swiftly, all of us, become just like them!

क्यावरःकुयानःगुनान्दान्तेरःयोन्ध्या

namtar gyalwa kün dang yermé pé

Through your life and liberation, inseparable from the victorious ones,

यानतः सक्रात्वीं गुर्ना भर्मा क्रांस र तर्ने दः वेन

khanyam dro kün sangye sar gö shok

May each and every being, as far as space pervades, be established on the level of buddhahood!

According to the judicious command of the glorious master, Padma Ösal Dongak Lingpa⁵⁵ and the repeated urging of that queen among yoginis, the great Doshul Khandro,⁵⁶ I, the Kusali Padma Garwang Lodrö Thayé,⁵⁷ with one-pointed faith in the Guru and consort inseparably united, at Kunzang Dechen Ösal Ling within the sacred site of Shri Devikota,⁵⁸ at the beginning of the Water Snake year, on the tenth day of the waxing moon⁵⁹ within the miracle month,⁶⁰ have distilled the meaning of the life and liberation of Khandro Yeshé Tsogyal, as revealed in a terma by the great treasure-revealer Samten Lingpa.⁶¹



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1The tambura is a long-necked, plucked string instrument found in various forms in Indian music. It does not play melody but rather supports and sustains the melody of another instrument or singer by providing a continuous harmonic bourdon or drone.

2The Sanskrit translates as "Homage to the Guru, the Wisdom Dakini!"

3Dharmodgata is the name of a previous Buddha. This line describes how Tara, the female bodhisattva of compassion, first generated bodhichitta and thus took the vow to attain buddhahood for the sake of all sentient beings. See: Patrul Rinpoche, The Words of My Perfect Teacher, translated by Padmakara Translation Group (Boston: Shambala, 1998), 153-157.

⁴During the time of Buddha Shakyamuni, Yeshé Tsogyal took birth as Gangadevi, who made a compilation of the Buddha's teachings.

5The Sambhogakaya buddhafields.

6The syllable evam.

7The five major sciences (Tib. rig gnas chen po lnga) are: craftsmanship, logic, grammar, medicine and the 'Inner science' or Dharma.

8The caves at Samyé Chimphu represent Guru Rinpoche's enlightened speech. He spent long periods there in retreat. The caves are located at the head of the valley that runs parallel and to the northeast of the Samyé Valley, about 13 km from Samyé.

9The teachings of the Great Perfection.

10Guru Rinpoche declined the first request of King Trisong Detsen to teach the Secret Mantrayana, explaining that the time was not yet ripe. The king then made a second offering (see next verse) and Guru Rinpoche accepted.

11A ganachakra feast.

12The object of veneration of verses 8 and 9 is Guru Rinpoche.

13The three collections or 'baskets' (Skt. tripitaka; Tib. sde snod gsum) are the Vinaya, Sutra and Abhidharma. Together these comprise the Dharma of transmission or scripture.

14The Hinayana and the Mahayana.

15Jamgön Kongtrul Rinpoché refers throughout the rest of the prayer to Guru Padmasambhava simply as 'the Guru'.

16Drakmar Yamalung, 'Red Rock Cave at Yamalung', is a sacred mountain hermitage, located in the hills high above the head of the Samyé valley. Drakmar Yamalung was one of Guru Rinpoche's eight principal retreat places. It was in Yamalung and Samye Chimpu that Guru Rinpoche first began to teach Yeshé Tsogyal the Dharma.

17The Ocean of Dharma, the Great Gathering of Transmitted Precepts (Tib. bka' 'dus chos kyi rgya mtsho) is a teaching cycle that focuses on the Kagyé deities. It was discovered as a terma-treasure by Orgyen Lingpa, who was the author of the Padma Kathang, and it was subsequently rediscovered as a Yangter by Jamyang Khyentse Wangpo. The Yarlung Valley is situated in Nedong in the Lhokha Prefecture. Yarlung Sheldrak are the caves representing Guru Rinpoche's enlightened qualities. It was in these caves that Yeshé Tsogyal was initiated into The Ocean of Dharma, the Great Gathering of Transmitted Precepts. It was also in these caves that Orgyen Lingpa discovered the Padma Kathang, The Chronicles of Padma, the most famous biography of Guru Rinpoche.

18 The cave of Shyotö Tidrö, also known as Kiri Yongdzong, is one of the retreat places where Guru Rinpoche stayed long-term with Yeshe Tsogyal. It is situated high

in the cliffs of a pair of mountains with hot springs, at an altitude of 5,400m. It was here that Guru Rinpoche later transmitted the entire teachings of Dzogpachenpo, the Innermost, Unsurpassed Cycle of the Category of Pith Instructions, and the Khandro Nyingtik to a hundred thousand wisdom dakinis and a single human disciple, Yeshé Tsogyal.

19The twelve links of dependent origination.

20These four occasions are: 1. waking life, 2. dream, 3. deep sleep, and 4. sexual union.

21The twelfth ground refers to the very last moment before attaining buddhahood according to the teachings of the Tantra.

22Vasudhara, a student of Guru Rinpoche, was a great scholar from the Kathmandu valley. He later helped translate the Sutras and Tantras from Sanskrit into Tibetan.

23Shakyadema, more commonly known as Shakyadevi, was Guru Rinpoche's Nepali consort, who stayed behind in Nepal when Guru Rinpoche left to go to Tibet

24The four joys (Skt. catvarimudita; Tib. dga' ba bzhi) are four increasingly subtle experiences of bliss-emptiness connected with the advanced practices of tsa-lung. They transcend ordinary feelings of joy or pleasure. They are: 1. joy, 2. supreme joy, 3. special joy and, 4. innate joy.

25Yeshé Tsogyal could pass through any kind of material object, and her body was no longer subject to the phenomena of ageing, sickness, and death.

26Trisong Detsen

27Located in the snowy mountains above Shyotö Tidrö.

28Tummo (Tib. gtum mo), or chandali (Skt. chandali) is the practice of 'inner heat', one of the Six Yogas of Naropa.

29Nering Dzong is the same as Sengé Dzong. Its full name is Nering Sengé Dzong. 30Paro Taktsang, since the early centuries of the second millennium, has been one of the most important pilgrimage places in Bhutan, famous for having been used for retreat by Guru Rinpoche.

31The three doors (Tib. sgo gsum) are the body, speech and mind.

32'Blazing dark blue lady of longevity' is the name given by Amitayus to Yeshé Tsogyal when she attained the level of the vidyadhara of immortality.

33Tashi Kyidren came to meet Yeshé Tsogyal while the latter was practising at Sengé Dzong. It was at that time that Tashi Kyidren became Yeshé Tsogyal's disciple. Later, when Yeshé Tsogyal left Tibet, as recounted in this verse, the two women travelled together to Önphu Taktsang, where Yeshé Tsogyal introduced Tashi Kyidren to Guru Rinpoche.

34Önphu Taktsang, is another important retreat place relating to Guru Rinpoche, located in the mountains above Samyé monastery.

35The massif and glacier of Yarlha Shampo rises, like a great snow fortress, to the south of Yarlung Valley. Its central glacier, rising to a height of 6761 m, is one of the four great snow mountains of Tibet, and is named after the resident local spirit Yarlha Shampo.

36As the result of the teachings given to them by Yeshé Tsogyal, these seven bandits became mahasiddhas, who travelled to Uddiyana and brought benefit to many beings there.

37Here, Tantra refers to the Mahayoga, Scripture to the Anuyoga, and Pith Instructions to the Atiyoga teachings.

38Central, southern, and eastern Tibet

39Yeshé Tsogyal flew with Guru Rinpoché in the direction of the land of the rakshasas. They landed in the area of Tsashö Rong and remained there for three weeks. It was here that Guru Rinpoché granted Yeshé Tsogyal special Dzogchen instructions.

40Present day district of Nuwakot, about 65 km north-west of Kathmandu. Tibetans used to refer to the valley as Tsawatshashö or Tsawarong, 'the hot valley', since the climate of the valley there was similar to that of India, and temperatures equally warm.

41 The third of the four visions of Tögal.

42The son of King Tri Songdetsen, King Mutri Tsenpo.

43The Three Gatherings, the Düpa Khor Sum (Tib. 'dus pa skor gsum) are: 1. the Lama Kasang Düpa (Tib. bla ma bka' gsang 'dus pa), 2. the Yidam Gongpa Düpa (Tib. yi dam dgongs pa 'dus pa) and, 3. the Dzogchen Ati Düpa (Tib. rdzogs chen a ti 'dus pa).

44The Gathering of Secrets, (Tib. bla ma gsang 'dus) is a revelation made by Guru

Chöwang (1212-1270).

45Yeshé Tsogyal opened the mandala of the Gathering of Secrets with seven worthy disciples in attendance, including the princes Mutri Tsenpo and Murum Tsenpo, and the queen Ngangchung Pel. 'The prince' here refers to prince Mutri Tsenpo in particular.

46The Zabchö Shitro Gongpa Rangdrol (Tib. zab chos zhi khro dgongs pa rang grol), 'The Peaceful and Wrathful Deities, The Profound Dharma of Naturally Liberated Wisdom', is a cycle of terma teachings revealing the bardo teachings and instructions of the Nyingma tradition. They were revealed in the 14th century by the great tertön Karma Lingpa. The cycle contains the famous Bardo Tödrol Chenmo, the so-called Tibetan Book of the Dead.

47The caves at Lhodrak Karchu are the representation of Guru Rinpoche's enlightened mind. The caves are located in Lhodrak County, just below Karchu, north of the Bhutanese border, cradled at the convergence of two rivers, the Kuruchu and Tamzhol-chu.

48The fourth of the four visions of Tögal.

49A great ganachakra feast.

50These were: 1. Yeshe Nyingpo, 2. Ma Rinchen Chok, 3. Odren Pelgyi Zhonnu, 4. Langlab Gyalwa Changchub Dorje, 5. Dacha Dorje Pawo, 6. Surya Thangwa of U, 7. Trashi Chidren of Mon, 8. the Newar Kalasiddhi, 9. Changchub Drolma from Li, 10. Shelkar Dorje Tsomo, and 11. Kharchen Zhonnu Drolma.

51"Yeshé Tsogyal touched Tashi Kyidren, the girl from Mön. Instantly, she was transformed into a blue utpala lotus with eight petals and marked with the syllables hung and phat and instantly she dissolved into the right side of the Lady's heart. Then with her left hand, Yeshé Tsogyal touched Kalasiddhi of Nepal, who changed into a red lotus of sixteen petals marked with the sixteen vowels and hrih ,and then dissolved into the left side of her heart." Gyalwa Changchub and Namkhai Nyingpo, Lady of the Lotus-Born: The Life and Enlightenment of Yeshe Tsogyal, (Boston: Shambala, 2002), 197-198.

52On Camara (dvipa), on the peak of a mountain shaped like a heart, there lies a resplendent and magnificent fortress of awakened perfection. This is the famed palace of Padma Ö, Lotus Light, the abode of the great Mahaguru Padmasambhava. 53The dakini Blazing Blue Light, Ting Ö Barma (Tib. mthing 'od 'bar ma), is an

emanation of Yeshé Tsogyal and the consort of Guru Rinpoche in the palace of Lotus Light, where he resides as Raksha Tötreng.

54Lit. You gaze upon us with the unstained eyes of primordial wisdom.

55Jamyang Khyentse Wangpo (1820–1892)

56A great and influential female practitioner of the 19th century, from the Kham region of Tibet.

57Jamgön Kongtrul Lodrö Tayé (1813–1899)

58 The Kagyüpas consider Tsari in Tibet to be identical with Shri Devikota, one of the twenty-four sacred dakini sites of India that are referenced in the Cakrasamvara tantra. Blessed by Guru Rinpoche and Viamlamitra, Tsari is a small region that lies between the southern province of Dakpo and the Indian border.

59On Guru Rinpoche Day, Saturday 25th February 1893.

60The Buddha displayed many miracles during the first half of the first lunar month, in order to increase the merit and devotion of future disciples. Accordingly, this period was called Chotrul Dawa, the miracle month, and it marks the first two weeks of every year according to the Tibetan calendar. According to the Western calendar, depending on the year, this usually falls within the months of February and March.

61Taksham Nüden Dorje (Tib. stag sham nus ldan rdo rje), aka Samten Lingpa (1655–1708), was a famed Nyingma master from Kham who had settled in the kingdom of Powo and discovered many hidden termas there. A tertön himself, Taksham Nüden Dorje was the reincarnation of Acharya Salé, one of the consorts and disciples of Yeshe Tsogyal. It was he who revealed the biography of Yeshe Tsogyal entitled The Lute Song of the Gandharvas: A Revelation in Eight Chapters of the Secret History of the Life and Enlightenment of Yeshe Tsogyal, Queen of Tibet (Tib. bod kyi jo mo ye shes mtsho rgyal gyi mdzad tshul rnam par thar pa gab pa mngon phyung rgyud mang dri za'i glu phreng bzhugs so, jo mo'i rnam thar skabs don brgyad pa). Translated into English by the Padmakara Translation Group, see: Gyalwa Changchub and Namkhai Nyingpo. Lady of the Lotus-Born: The Life and Enlightenment of Yeshe Tsogyal. Translated by the Padmakara Translation Group. Boston: Shambala, 2002

62Nyoshul Khen Rinpoche, A Marvelous Garland of Rare Gems, translated by Richard Barron (Junction City: Padma Publishing, 2005), 61–69.