

A Summary of the Way She Protects from the Sixteen Fears

1. When a kshatriya in Odivisha
Awoke in a pleasure grove
And found himself surrounded by enemy troops,
Tara, you protected him then;
I pray, please protect us as well.
2. When a wood-gatherer went into the forest
And a hungry lioness was about to eat him,
Noble One, you protected him then;
I pray, please protect us as well.
3. When a twelve-year-old girl
Was caught in the trunk of a fierce elephant,
She recalled Tara's name and was protected from fear;
I pray, please protect us as well.
4. When an angry householder
Had his house set on fire by his enemy,
Noble One, you rescued him;
I pray, please protect us as well.
5. A prostitute who was frightened by a snake
Merely remembering the Noble One,
Was protected from the fear of the snake;
I pray, please protect us as well.
6. In a certain part of Gujarat,
There was a wealthy merchant.
You protected him from the fear of bandits;
I pray, please protect us as well.
7. A thief was thrown in a dungeon by the king
And experienced much suffering.
Noble One, you protected him.
I pray, please protect us as well.
8. A householder who's aims were thwarted
Was filled with grief and sadness.
Noble One, just as you rescued him then,
I pray, please protect us as well.

9. In the east there was a temple
Where only Shravakas lived.
Just as you protected them from the fear of flesh-eating ogres,
I pray, please protect us as well.
10. Just as you protected
The five hundred Brahmins infected with leprosy,
That had been abandoned by relatives and doctors,
Noble One, please protect me and others from sickness.
11. Indra is the protector of the eastern direction.
His messengers are smell-eating sprites.
Just as you protected (the monks) from their mischief
Please protect (us) from the fear of Indra's messengers.
12. Just as you protected from the fear of poverty
A very poor Brahmin,
Please protect me and all sentient beings as well
From the fear of poverty.
13. A Brahmin with a large family and much wealth
At one time suffered the loss of all his relatives.
Noble One, just as you protected him,
Please protect (us) from the suffering of losing one's family.
14. A very wealthy householder
Was punished by the king and imprisoned.
Just as he was freed through the Noble One's compassion,
Please free (us) from the fear of imprisonment.
15. A yaksha having been angered,
Twenty-one iron-bolts fell from the sky.
Just as the Noble One's compassion protected from them,
Please protect (us) from the fear of vajra missiles.

Thus the words of the commentary have been summarized.