

## **Formless Refuges**

I take refuge in the pure dharma-body  
buddha in my own material body.

I take refuge in the myriadfold  
transformation-body buddha  
in my own material body.

I take refuge in the future and perfect  
realization-body buddha  
in my own material body.

## **Four Boundless Vows**

I vow to save all beings, no matter how  
numberless.

I vow to end all afflictions, no matter  
how countless.

I vow to master all teachings, no  
matter how limitless.

I vow to attain buddhahood, no  
matter how transcendent.

## **Formless Repentances**

May past, present, and future thoughts  
may thought after thought not be corrupted  
by delusion

may my bad practices of the past all be gone  
and may they be gone from my nature,  
such is my repentance.

May past, present, and future thoughts  
may thought after thought not be corrupted  
by ignorance

may my deceitful thoughts of the past be gone  
and may they never occur again,  
such is the repentance of my nature.

May past, present, and future thoughts  
may thought after thought not be corrupted  
by envy

may my envious thoughts of the past be gone  
and may they be gone from my nature,  
such is my repentance.

**Formless Precepts  
of the Triple Refuge**

We take refuge in enlightenment  
and the best of two-legged creatures.

We take refuge in truth  
and the best of what transcends desire.

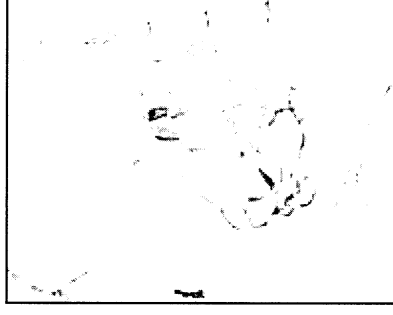
We take refuge in purity  
and the best of congregations.

Venerable Hui-Neng's  
Formless Precept  
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