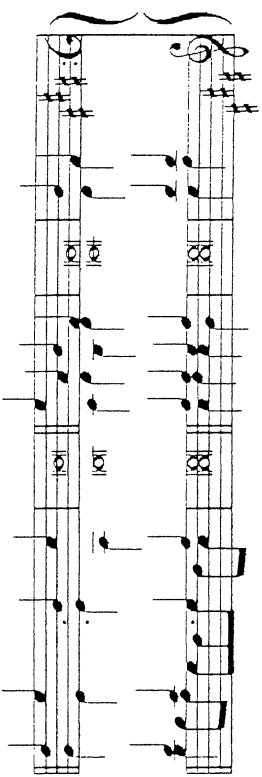


The Litany of Bhaisajya-Guru



* When Bhai|sajyaguru, 'the Master of Healing, 'I realized enlightenment, :

Due to the force of His fundamental vows 'He was able to observe all | sentient beings. ||

Some suffered from various diseases and were emaciated, 'feverish, 'jaundiced and | so on: :

Others were in the thrall of noxious poisons from repugnant demons; — others were short-lived 'or were on the brink of | untimely death. ||

He sought to cause all these diseases and sufferings to be | ended, :

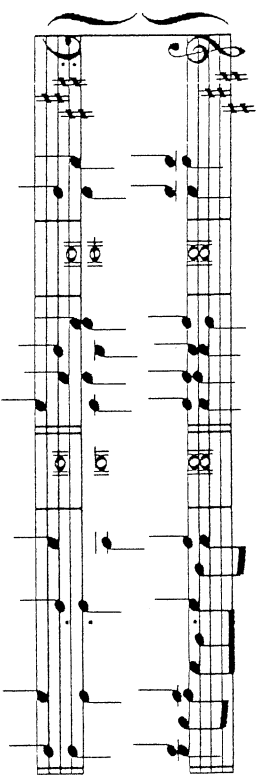
And to ful|fil all desires. ||

* The Lord then entered into the samādhi called "Dispeller of the Afflictions of | All Beings":

And, 'having entered this samādhi, 'a great brilliant light shone from between His eyebrows, 'and from its midst a great dha|rani resounded. ||

From the midst of this light 'there was a great rumbling and shaking of the earth after this dharani was | uttered :

And a great radiance shone forth; — illnesses and miseries were



removed from all beings, 'and they all became | peaceful and joyous. ||

We should know that, 'if there is a good son or daughter who is ill, 'we should wholeheartedly and constantly clean and | bathe that person. :

We should provide food for that person, 'medicine and water from which all insects have been strained, 'having recited this great dharani over it one | hundred and eight times. ||

Upon swallowing these | substances, :

All the sufferings of dis|ease will be dispelled. ||

If this person seeks something with utmost sin|cerity :

He should think of the dharani | and recite it. ||

In this way he will obtain all that | he seeks, :

Be free of illnesses, 'and | have a long life. ||

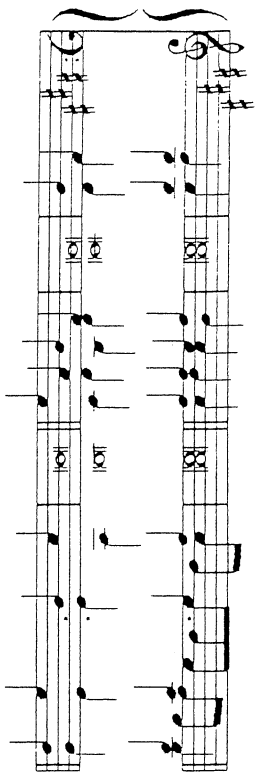
At the end of | his life, :

This person will be reborn into the realm of the | Buddha of Healing. ||

He will achieve the non-re|gressing state :

And reach | enlightenment. ||

* This is why good sons and daughters should, 'with utmost sincerity, 'diligently revere and venerate the Master of Healing, 'the Lapis Lazuli Radiance Ta|thagata. :



And they should ever hold this dharani, I never allow it to be lost. ||

Next, I any sons or daughters of pure faith I who hear all the names of the Master of Healing, the Lapis Lazuli Radiance
Tathagata, I Arahan, I Perfectly Enlightened One, :
Should — having heard them — recite them and hold to them. ||

At dawn, they should clean their teeth with sticks of wood, I bathe and purify themselves with various fragrant flowers, I incense, I perfumed unguents and with music from all instruments, :

They should venerate a statue of this Tathagata. ||
They should personally copy this Sutra or have others do so, :
They should wholeheartedly accept it, I hold to it, I and listen to its principles. ||

* They should make offerings to the master of these teachings, :
They should offer all the necessities of life to him, I making sure that he lacks none of these. ||

Having done so, they will be covered by the protective thoughts of the Buddhas: :
All that they seek shall be fulfilled, I and they will reach enlightenment. ||