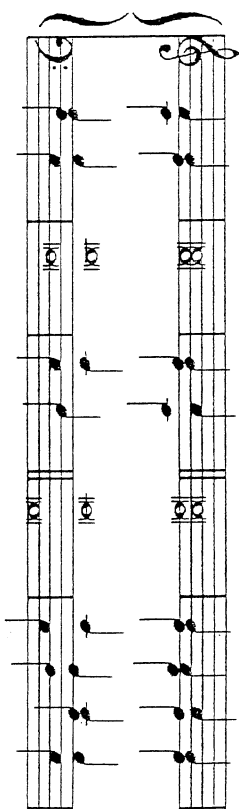


The Litany of Kshrigarbhya Bodhisattva



* At that | time Shakyamuni Buddha raised His golden | arms :
Touching Kshrigarbhya Bodhisattva's head and saying!
'Kshrigarbhya | Bodhisattva. ||

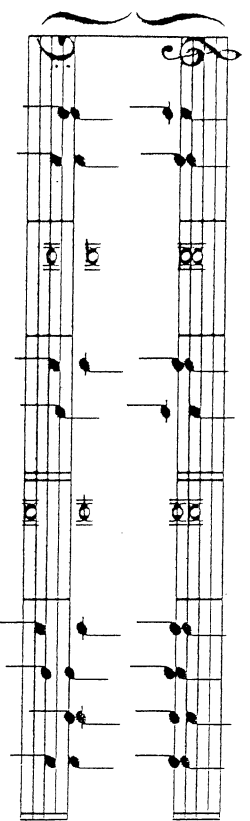
As regards your supernatural power, — your infinite loving
kindness, — your wisdom and your eloquence :
The Buddhas of the Ten Directions for millions of kalpas! wish
to praise you and your incomparable activities — yet they
can never give the | fullest account. ||

Kshrigarbhya Bodhi | sattva :
Remember that I am standing in the presence of | such a multi-
tude. ||

They have assembled * at these thirty-three | heavens :
To declare unto you that you must not allow any sentient beings!
to fall into the evil state of suffering! for even one | day and
one night, ||

So much the more you should never allow them to be cast into
the five Avichi | hells :

Or the last and deepest of the eight hot hells! where the culprits
suffer, — die or instantly return to suffering! without
interruption for mill | lions of kalpas. ||
Sentient beings are prone to evil | habits :



And when they reform they easily yield to temptation, — back-
sliding and, — worst of all, — the bad habits will |
multiply. ||

This is why it is necessary to have millions and millions | of
transfor | mations :

To aid each ~~er~~ing one according to his own weakness | and
avoid it. ||

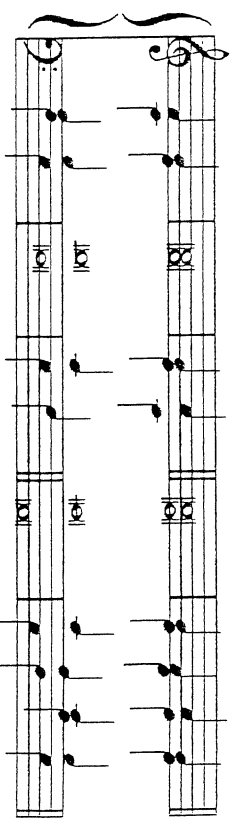
Kshrigartha Bodhi | satva :
I now place the guardianship of all these beings | into your
hands. ||

Encourage even the slightest of good deeds and encourage |
beings :

Whether devas or human beings, — male or female, — never
to discontinue their efforts to practise even a small | act of
good deed. ||

It is your profound duty through your supernatural | powers :
To protect such beings and help them to improve their good
deeds with | no retreat. ||

In future if any beings have karma that brings them into | hell :
If such a one can remember the name of one Buddha, — or one
Bodhisattva, — or one passage Or even one sentence from
the Maha | yana Scripture, ||



If such a being, — when he or she shall reach the gate of |
hell :

Then through your supernatural powers you should lead such a
being out | of all sufferings. ||

Show them your various transfor | mations :
And bring them to salvation to en | joy supreme bliss. ||

At that time Shakyamuni Buddha spoke in | stanzas :

“Now I place in your hands sentient beings of the pres | ent and
future. ||

I exhort you never to allow any sentient beings to fall into any of
the evil | worlds :

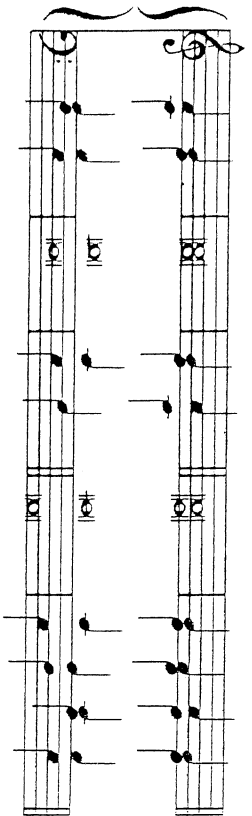
By your supernatural powers and | obligations. ” ||
At that time Kshrigartha Bodhisattva knelt down with
clasped | hands :

And spoke thus to Shakra | muni Buddha, ||
“Honoured of the World, please do not be | worried :

If any sentient beings of the future | have only one thought of
respect for the | Buddha’s teachings. ||

I shall endeavour my utmost to relieve such people | out of the
sufferings of birth and | death :

And lead them to salvation by numerous | ways and means. ||



If I come to know of persons who practise meritorious
deeds :

I shall make a strong effort to help them to proceed to
Buddhahood without | falling back." ||

At that time one Bodhisattva, by the name of Dharmakaya

Bodhi|sattva :

Said to Shakyamuni Buddha, ||

"Honoured of the World, — since I have come to this gathering
and have heard the | Buddha :

Praising the inconceivable merits of Kshrigarbha | Bodhi-
sattva, ||

Please tell me how many kinds of benefits will accrue to those
who hear the *Kshrigarbha* | *Sutra*, :

His name or pay homage | to his statues. ||

† I ask this in order that I may help beings | in the future." ||

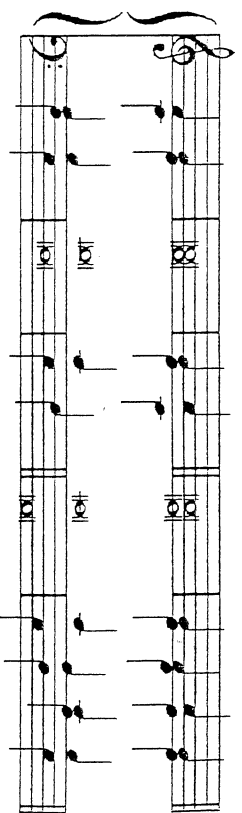
Shakyamuni Buddha told the Bodhi|sattva, :

"Listen to me carefully and I shall tell | you in detail. ||

If virtuous people of the future see Kshrigarbha Bodhisattva's |
statue, :

Hear the *Kshrigarbha Sutra*, — chant the *Kshrigarbha*

Sutra, — make offerings to Kshrigarbha Bodhisattva, — or
pay homage to Kshrigarbha | Bodhisattva, ||



They will get twenty-eight kinds of benefits :

Which I will now e|numerate. ||

They will be protected by devas and | dragons, :

Their ability to do good | deeds will increase. ||

Opportunities for doing good deeds will | increase, :

The will to approach Buddhahood will continue | unfatigably. ||

Such people will enjoy sufficiency of food and | clothing, :

They will be free from | all diseases. ||

They will never suffer from floods or | fire, :

They shall not fall victims to robbery and | loss of goods. ||

They will be respected and admired by | others, :

They will be protected and assisted by spi|rits and devas. ||

The females will become daughters of kings and | nobles, :

They will be reborn with | good complexions. ||

Beings will be reborn in the heavens for many | lives, :

They will be reborn as kings or rul|ers of countries. ||

They will have wisdom to recollect their previous | lives, :

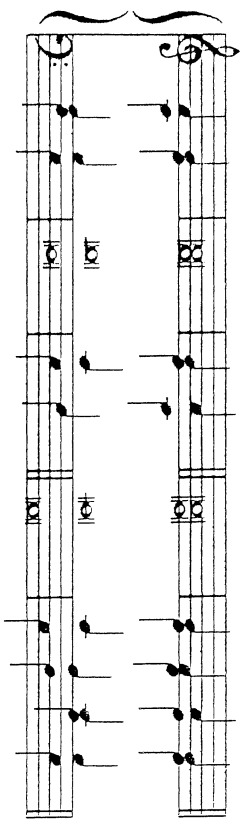
They will be successful in all their | aspirations. ||

They will have happy family rel|ations, :

They will be free from all dis|astrous happenings. ||

They will be free from bad karma for | ever, :

Wherever they go | they shall be safe. ||



Wherever they go | they shall be safe. ||
 They shall always have peaceful | dreams, :

Their deceased relatives will be | free from sufferings. ||

They will be reborn with hap|piness, :

They will be praised by di|vine beings. ||

They will be intelligent and skilful, — they will have compas-
 sion for | others, :

They will finally attain | Buddhahood. ||

* Again, Dharmakaya Bodhisattva, if devas, dragons, devils or
 spirits hear the inconceivable merits of Kshrigartha

Bodhi|sattva :

And praise Kshrigartha Bodhisattva | they will attain

seven | kinds of benefits. ||

They can attain the divine stages | quickly, :

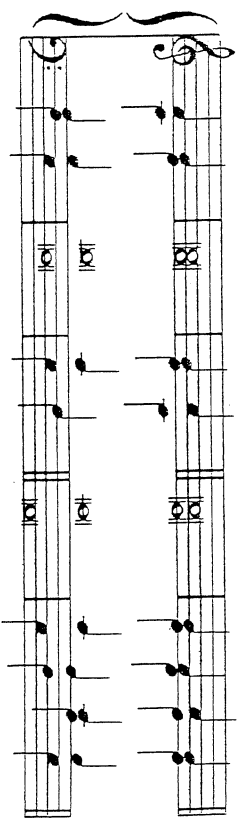
They will be free | from bad karma. ||

They will be protected by | Buddhas, :

They will proceed towards Buddhahood without | falling back. ||

The energy of will to do right will be in|creased, :

* They will have the power to recollect past lives, — they will
 finally attain | Buddhahood.” ||



When all these innumerable Buddhas, Mahabodhisattvas, |
 devas, dragons and others from the ten | quarters :

Had heard Shakyamuni Buddha praising the inconceivable, |

supernatural powers of Kshrigartha | Bodhisattva, ||

Flowers and precious gems were seen falling down from |

heaven :

As offerings to Shakyamuni Buddha and Kshrigartha | Bodhi-
 sattva. ||

With clasped hands and deep | reverence :

They all returned | to their own realms. ||

