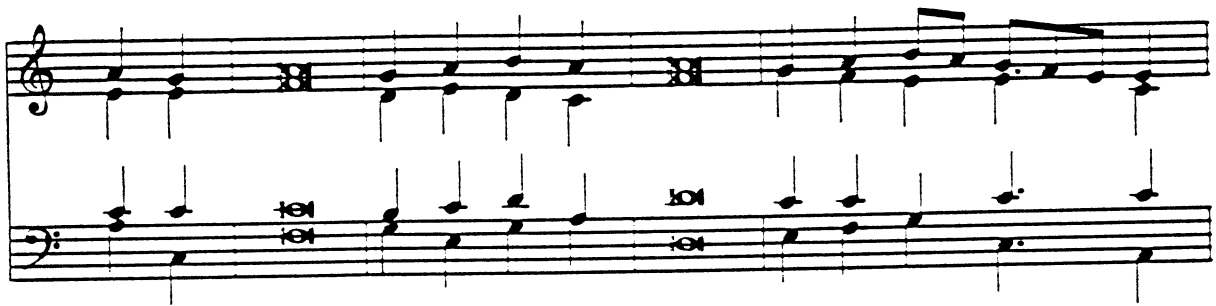


*The Litany of Samantabhadra Bodhisattva.*  
From the Chinese of Shikshananda.



\* At that | time all the Buddhas emitted rays of light <sup>1</sup> and within these light rays spoke | thus in verse:- :

“Samantabhadra abides in all lands <sup>1</sup> seated on a jewelled lotus throne which assemblies of monks behold; <sup>1</sup> there is not a spiritual power that he does not manifest <sup>1</sup> and he is able to enter in |finite meditations. ||

By means of his various bodily forms <sup>1</sup> Samantabhadra continually flows everywhere within the universe <sup>1</sup> completely | filling all; :

Through the strength of his meditations, <sup>1</sup> spiritual powers and skill in means, <sup>1</sup> he teaches with full | voice unhindered. ||

In every land, <sup>1</sup> in the presence of all the Buddhas, <sup>1</sup> his various states of meditation reveal his | spiritual powers, :

Each spiritual power permeating everywhere in all lands | of the ten quarters. ||

\* Just as Tathagatas are positioned in all lands, <sup>1</sup> so is he also within every dust particle in those | lands as well; :

The deeds arising from his meditation and spiritual power <sup>1</sup> come forth through the power of | Vairochana’s vows. ||

Samantabhadra’s body is as empty space; <sup>1</sup> complying with Truth he makes his abode in no partic |ular country; :

Responding to the heartfelt desires of sentient beings<sup>1</sup> he manifests himself through all manner of embodiments | equally for all. ||

Because Samantabhadra has committed his heart and mind to his great vows,<sup>1</sup> he has realized these immeasurable spiritual | powers of his; :

In every land where there is a Buddha body<sup>1</sup> he is the one who has made its form manifest | as he visited there. ||

Limitless are all the oceans of monastic assemblies<sup>1</sup> wherein he endlessly reproduces his | body to dwell there; :

Those in these lands wherein he has manifested himself are pure in their majesty and,<sup>1</sup> in an instant,<sup>1</sup> see many aeons | stretch out before them. ||

Samantabhadra has committed himself to all realms<sup>1</sup> for his manifest spiritual powers | are incomparable; :

When the worlds in all the ten directions tremble and shake,<sup>1</sup> he helps those who behold it to see him. ||

The knowledge, merit, virtue and powers of all Buddhas,<sup>1</sup> together with Their various great Teachings,<sup>1</sup> he has perfected | to the full; :

By means of the gates to skilful means in meditations<sup>1</sup> he displays his | past enlightened deeds. ||

Such spontaneity goes beyond the grasp of the mind as he manifests himself,<sup>1</sup> and inspires all,<sup>1</sup> in all lands in the | ten quarters; :

Because he continually reveals the universal entrance to all meditations,<sup>1</sup> the praises of his merits and virtues are sung within the Buddha's | radiant clouds of light." ||

Then the host of Bodhisattvas all turned to Samantabhadra and,<sup>1</sup> hands in gasshō,<sup>1</sup> gazed respectfully | up at him; :

Imbued with the spiritual powers of the Awakened One, <sup>1</sup> they  
sang his praises | as with one voice:— ||

“Born of the Teachings of the Awakened One <sup>1</sup> and arising through  
the strength of the Tatha|gata’s vow, :

You have purified this Dharma body of yours <sup>1</sup> within the all-  
pervading womb of | space which is the Unborn. ||

Within the assemblies in all Buddha realms, <sup>1</sup> O Samantabhadra, <sup>1</sup>  
you | ever abide; :

The radiance from the oceans of your virtue and wisdom <sup>1</sup> illu-  
mines everywhere equally in the ten quarters <sup>1</sup> so that all  
is | visible to us. ||

O Samantabhadra, <sup>1</sup> your vast oceans of great virtue flow every-  
where in the ten quarters, <sup>1</sup> you who are ever near | to the  
Buddha; :

With ease you visit the lands within every particle of dust <sup>1</sup> and  
clearly re|veal yourself there. ||

\* O disciple of Buddha, <sup>1</sup> we continually see you ever close | to  
Tathagatas, :

Abiding within a genuine state of meditation <sup>1</sup> for aeons as numer-  
ous as the motes of | dust in all lands. ||

O disciple of Buddha, <sup>1</sup> you are able to visit the lands in all the ten  
quarters <sup>1</sup> by means of your all-per|vading body, :

Ferrying vast oceans of sentient beings to the Other Shore <sup>1</sup> with-  
out there being any part of the whole universe | where you  
cannot enter. ||

Penetrating into all particles of the universe, <sup>1</sup> your body is inex-  
haustible and beyond the mind of dis|crimination; :

Omnipresent as space and completely pervasive, <sup>1</sup> you proclaim  
the great Teaching of | the Tathagata. ||

The radiance of all your virtues is as far-reaching as clouds, <sup>1</sup> their  
power surpassing all things as you travel amidst all oceans  
of | sentient beings, :

Giving voice to the unequalled Dharma | practised by <sup>1</sup> all  
Buddhas. ||

\* In order to ferry sentient beings across the ocean of aeons to the  
Other Shore, <sup>1</sup> you have trained yourself by cultivating your  
superlative practices of uni|versal goodness; :

As you proclaim all Dharmas which are as massive as clouds, <sup>1</sup> the  
sound of your voice is far-reaching so that there are | none  
that do not hear.” ||

Thus sang the Bodhisattvas, <sup>1</sup> hands | in gasshō, :

As the worlds in the ten quarters trembled and | gave forth won-  
drous sound. ||