

Karaṇiya Metta Sutta — *Mele Lokomaika'i*

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| 1 | Karaṇīyamathakusalena,
Yanta santam̄ padam̄ abhisamecca;
Sakko ujū ca suhujū ca,
Sūvacca cassa mudu anatimānī, |
| 2 | Santussako ca subharo ca,
Appakicco ca sallahukavutti;
Santindriyo ca nipako ca,
Appagabbho kulesvananugiddho. |
| 3 | Na ca khuddamācare kiñci,
Yena viññū pare upavadeyyum;
Sukhino va khemino hontu,
Sabbasattā bhavantu sukhitattā. |
| 4 | Ye keci pāñabhūtatthi,
Tasā vā thāvarā vanavasesā;
Dīghā vā ye va mahantā,
Majjhimañ rassakā aṇukathūlā. |
| 5 | Dīṭhā vā ye va adīṭhā,
Ye va dūre vasanti avidūre;
Bhūtā va sambhavesī va,
Sabbasattā bhavantu sukhitattā. |
| 6 | Na paro param̄ nikubbetha,
Nātimaññetha katthaci na kañci;
Byārosanā paṭīghasañña,
Nāññamaññassa dukkhamiccheyya. |
| 7 | Mātā yathā niyamputta,
Māyusā ekaputtamanurakkhe;
Evampi sabbabhūtesu,
Mānasam̄ bhāvaye aparimāṇam̄. |
| 8 | Mettañca sabbalokasmi,
Mānasam̄ bhāvaye aparimāṇam̄;
Uddham adho ca tiriyañca,
Asambādham̄ averamasapattam̄. |
| 9 | Tiṭṭham̄ caram̄ nisinno va,
Sayāno yāvatāssa vitamiddho;
Etam̄ satiñ adhiṭṭheyya,
Brahmametam̄ vihāramidhamāhu. |
| 10 | Dīṭhiñca anupaggamma,
Sīlavā dassanena sampanno;
Kāmesu vinaya gedham̄,
Na hi jātuggabbhaseyya punaretīti. |

*Eia nā 'ano e pono ai ke hana
Ka mea i hialoa i ka 'ike 'i'o
Ma muli o ka 'ike lihi i ke kūlana maluhia
Me ia ka hiki, ka pono, a ke kūpono,
Ke akahai, ka waipahē, a me ka ho'okano 'ole.*

*'Olu'olu nō i ka mea loa'a,
Pili pono i ka hana a ma'alahi ka nohona.
Mālie ka 'ike me ka lono, mahao'o nō,
Me ka maha'oi 'ole a mākilo paha.*

*A'ole e hana i kahi mea iki
A ka na'auao e ho'ohalahala ai.
E 'olu a palekana mai 'ō a 'ō
A 'olu ka nohona o nā mea a pau.*

*E 'olu nā mea ola
Koe koena 'ole
Ha'alulu a 'onipa'a paha,
Lō'ihī, nunui, a waena ho'i,
Pōkole, u'uku, a kūāhewa nō...*

*E 'olu ka honona o nā mea a pau
Inā 'ike 'ia a kīhēhē paha
'O ko 'ō lā, a ko 'one'i ho'i,
Nā mea e ola nei, a e 'ō'ilī mai ana.*

*Mai ho'opunipuni kekahi i kekahi
A ho'okano aku i kekahi wahi mea
Mai mana'o hō'ino aku iā ha'i
No ka ukiuki me ke kuapu'e o loko.*

*Kohu makuahine e ho'opalekana loa ana
I kāna keiki hānau kahi me ka mōliaola
Pēlā ke 'ano e mālama mau ai
I nā mea ola a pau loa, a palena 'ole.*

*E mālama i ka lokomaika'i palena 'ole,
No ke ao holo'oko'a ē;
A i luna, i lalo, i 'ō, i 'ane'i,
Me ka inaina a ho'okae 'ole
E kōt ma'ema'e wale aku ai.*

*Inā kū, a hele, a noho, a moe iho paha,
'Oiai ala maila ka no'ono'o
E kūpa'a mau kēia kau 'ana o nā maka
Kapa 'ia he 'ano lani ihola, 'ānō nei ē.*

*Pa'a 'ole i ka 'ikena, kū i ka pono
Me ke akāka le'a e kō pono ai
A a'o 'ia iho ka make'e 'ole i ka le'a
Kū ihola ke ko'u me ka hānau hou.*

Here is what is worth doing
By one skilled in what is [truly] meaningful:
Having glimpsed the place of peace,
[They] should be capable, honest, and very upright,
Easy to speak to, gentle, and not thinking themselves above [others],

Contented, and easy to support,
Not too busy, and living lightly,
Tranquil in seeing and sensing, and wise,
Not too forward, nor greedy for patrons.

And one should not do the slightest thing
With which other wise ones might find fault.
[Wishing] may all have ease and safety,
May all beings be in a state of ease.

Whatever living creatures there are
— without exception —
trembling or steady,
Long, huge, or middle-sized,
Short, tiny, or massive,

Whether seen or unseen,
And whether living far or near,
Whether in existence or coming into being,
May all beings be in a state of ease.

Let no one deceive another,
Or think themselves above anyone anywhere;
Let no one wish suffering for any other,
out of resentment or hateful thoughts.

Just as a mother would protect her own child - her only child -
with her life,
One should cultivate such a state of mind
toward all beings without limit.

And toward all the universe,
One should cultivate a state of mind of goodwill without limit,
- above, below, and all around -
unobstructed, purified from enmity and hatred.

Whether standing, moving, sitting or lying,
For as long as one is yet to fall to sleep,
One should be steadfast in this attentiveness,
This is said to be divine abiding here and now.

Not fixed on a view, with virtuous conduct,
Perfected through clarity of vision,
Training away the greed for pleasures,
One goes no more towards being conceived and born.