

On Opening the Dharma

The Dharma, incomparably profound and infinitely subtle,
Is always encountered, but rarely perceived, even in millions of ages.
Now we see it, hear it, receive and maintain it.
May we completely realize the reality of this world.

Boundless Compassion

Hearing the cries of the world,
A Buddha awakens right here.
This Buddha the source of compassion.
This Buddha knows only compassion.
Buddha, Dharma, sangha—
Just compassion!
Thus the pure heart always rejoices.
In the light, recall this.
In the dark, recall this.
Moment by moment, the true heart arises.
Time after time, there is nothing but THIS.

The Four Vows of the Bodhisattva

Sentient beings are numberless; I vow to free them.
Delusions are inexhaustible; I vow to end them.
The Dharma gates are boundless; I vow to enter them.
The Enlightened Way is unsurpassable; I vow to embody it.

Shigu Seigan Mon

Shujô mu-hen sei gan do
Bon nô mu-jin sei gan dan
Hô mon mu-ryô sei gan gaku
Butsu dô mu-jô sei gan jô

The Heart of the Perfection of Great Wisdom Sutra

Avalokiteshvara Bodhisattva
Practicing deep Prajñā Pāramitā
Perceived the emptiness of all five constituents,
And overcame all suffering.

O Shariputra, Form is no other than Emptiness,
Emptiness no other than Form.
Form is precisely Emptiness,
Emptiness precisely Form.
Sensation, Perception, Impulse and Consciousness are also like this.

O Shariputra, all things are manifestations of Emptiness.
Not born, not destroyed, not stained, not pure.
No gain, no loss.

Thus in Emptiness there is no form,
No sensation, no perception, no impulse nor consciousness;
No eye, ear, nose, tongue, body, mind;
No color, sound, smell, taste, touch, object of thought;
No seeing, and so on to no thinking;
No ignorance, no ending of ignorance,
And so on to no old age and death,
And also no ending of old age and death.
No suffering, no cause of suffering,
No ending of suffering, no path;
No wisdom and no attainment.

Since there is nothing to attain,
Bodhisattvas live this Prajñā Pāramitā
With no hindrance of mind –
No hindrance therefore no fear.
Far beyond all delusion, Nirvana is already here.
All past, present and future Buddhas live this Prajñā Pāramitā
And attain supreme, perfect enlightenment.

Therefore, know that Prajñā Pāramitā is the great mantra,
The great bright mantra, the supreme mantra, the unsurpassable mantra
By which all suffering is wiped away.
This is the Truth without deception.

Therefore, set forth this Prajñā Pāramitā mantra,
Set forth this mantra and proclaim:
Gate, Gate, Paragate, Parasamgate, Bodhi Svaha,
Prajñā Pāramitā Sutra.