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Buddhastotras by Mātrceța

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Introduction

Hymns to the Buddha appear to have been very popular in the monasteries along the northern route of the ancient Silk Road in Central Asia, if reckoned both by the number of hymns which are preserved either in full or in part, and by the number of manuscripts containing such works, mostly of Indian origin. Especially numerous are manuscripts containing one or both of the hymns composed by the Indian poet Mātṛceṭa, whose proverbial fame as a composer of hymns spread throughout the Buddhist world, from Sri Lanka in the far South to China in the far East.¹

A manuscript of his shorter stotra, the Śatapañcāśatka or Prasādapratibhodbhava (PPU), was found by Rāhula Sāṅkṛtyāyana among the Sanskrit manuscripts preserved in Tibet,² and therefore the complete text of this work is available in its Sanskrit original. We are less fortunate, however, with regard to the state of preservation of the longer hymn, the Catuḥśataka or Varṇārhavarṇa (VAV). Its Sanskrit text was known only in part from Central Asian fragments, which were supplemented by some quotations in various Buddhist texts. Based on these sources, somewhat more than 80% of the original has so far been recovered.³ The remaining lacunae in the text, some of them comprising several verses, still make every new fragment a welcome addition, testifying to the popularity of the text itself and, with luck, closing or at least reducing some of the remaining gaps.

Not unexpectedly, the *stotras* were also well known in the Northwest of the Indian subcontinent.⁴ This can now be shown by fragments preserved in the Schøyen Collection. So far, twelve pieces have been identified as belonging to PPU and VAV, but all the other Buddha hymns, e.g., the *Anaparāddhastotra* also ascribed to Mātṛceṭa,⁵ or the famous *Guṇāparyantastotra* of Triratnadāsa, or any other of the hymns known from Central Asia,⁶ remain at present unattested. The twelve fragments come from six different manuscripts, two of them written on palm leaf and four on birch bark. Judging from their scripts, none of them is very early; the scripts range from a late Gupta variety (5th century A.D.) to Gilgit/Bamiyan type II (7th to 8th centuries).

¹ Hartmann 1987: 12 ff.

² Definitive edition in Shackleton Bailey 1951.

³ Hartmann 1987: 48.

⁴ Two of the Central Asian manuscripts are likely to have been imported from that area, since both of them are written in Gilgit/Bamiyan type II, cf. Hartmann 1987: 40.

⁵ Hartmann 1988: 74 ff.

⁶ Cf. Schlingloff 1955.

Survey of the fragments

- Ms. 1: palm leaf, 4 lines, one fragment from the PPU (MS 2380/19)⁷;
- Ms. 2: birch bark, at least 5 lines, one fragment from the PPU (MS 2383/76);
- Ms. 3: palm leaf, 4 lines, one fragment from the VAV (MS 2382/uf18/1b);
- Ms. 4, a-d: birch bark, 4 lines, four fragments from the VAV (MS 2381/4, 2382/142, 172, 276). Fragment b, starting with verse 6.29, preserves the folio number 19, and it is possible that this ms started with the VAV, since the preceding 18 folios would easily have accommodated the first part of the stotra, and perhaps even another short text. However, the size of the hymn is difficult to assess in this ms; the whole of chapter seven has been omitted, and before that only chapters 2 and 6 are so far attested to by fragments.
- Ms. 5, a-b: birch bark, possibly 5 lines, four fragments from the VAV (MS 2382/192a, 200a, 261, uf1/4a);
- Ms. 6: birch bark, number of lines impossible to decide, one fragment from the VAV (MS 2383/98a).

Verses of the following passages are partly preserved in the fragments:

Prasādapratibhodbhava (PPU) = S	Śatapañcāśatka	
99c–111b (here 101a–112d)	2380/19 below, no.	1
136b–143d	2383/76	2
Varņārhavarņa (VAV)		
1.18d-27b	2382/192a	5a
2.34c-43b	2382/uf18/1b	3
2.43a-55c	2382/172	4a
3.8b–18b	2382/200a, 261, 2382/uf1/4a	5b
3.11b-21a	2383/98a	6
6.29c-40d and 8.1a-c	2382/276	4b
8.16c-28d	2381/4	4c
9.10a–21d	2382/142	4d

Transliteration of the fragments

After the transliteration of each fragment its relevance for the constitution of the original Sanskrit text will be discussed, but only those cases where a new fragment either provides hitherto unknown text or confirms a previous reconstruction will be mentioned. For the VAV, akṣaras not preserved in the text edited in Hartmann 1987 are highlighted in bold characters.

1) MS 2380/19; Prasādapratibhodbhava 99c-111b (here 101a-112d); recto

1 /// [k]āritvāt sarva[pr]. nabhrtām asi · priyas tvam u[p]. /// 99c-100a

⁷ Identified by Klaus Wille.

⁸ Identified by Klaus Wille.

⁹ There is no indication of a similar omission among the numerous mss of the VAV from Central Asia.

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2 /// [m]ā vāgrūpa[sau] .. vat* 102 dhanyaḥ [sarvārth]. + + ///
3 /// .. rako maṃdagā[m]. nāṃ · niyo[kt]ā dh[ūr]i [dāṃ] .[ā] .[ā]ṃ + + ///
4 /// + [ḥ] 10[5] v[y]ava[s].[ā]ne[su] kā[ruṇ]y[aṃ] .. .. .. [hi] + + ///
104b-d

verso
1 /// .. tva[m upakār]. [t]v[ān] m[ātāpi]tr[or yad]. [ṣy]. [t]. .. + ///
2 /// [ta]ṭasthānāṃ prā[kā]ratvam upāgata[ḥ · loka] .[v]. + ///
3 /// .. [m u]pabhogeṣu [vṛ]ttayaḥ 110 dha[rmasa]ṃ[bho] .. + ///
4 /// .[y]. m idaṃ kṛta[ṃ] · [avismi]t[ā]ṃ [vism]ita[vat spṛhayaṃt]. .. ///
110d-111b
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With two exceptions, the fragment preserves text identical to that edited in Shackleton Bailey 1951. The first is a *varia lectio* or writing mistake found in the beginning of line r2 which starts with a $m\bar{a}$ or a ha instead of the expected (ra)myo of the edition. The second deviation is a structural one: according to the verse numbers preserved in lines r2, r5 and v3 the fragment contains text of the verses 100a–112d, whereas it would correspond to verses 99c–111b of the printed edition. In other words, the counting in the fragment is higher by one and a half verses. Similar discrepancies are also found in the Central Asian manuscripts, cf. Shackleton Bailey 1951: 27 and SHT IX 2119.

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2) MS 2383/76; Prasādapratibhodbhava 136b–143d; A
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V	/// + + + [rm]. svārtha[m] e[v]. [tu] $+ + ///$	136ab
W	/// + + [to] māramāyā .[i] ///	138ab
X	/// + yadi saṃcāriṇo dharmā ///	140a
У	/// [pa]yann iva · cirāya + + ///	141d–142a
Z	/// .āpi satveṣu ya + + + + + + ///	143cd

3) MS 2382/uf18/1b; Varnārhavarna 2.34c-43b; recto

1	/// + kṣ[e]māvibhāhā + + ///	34c
2	/// [m].ḥ nirdhautama[l]. ///	36a
3	/// .[ā]ya śun[ya]tābhā .i ///	37ab
4	/// + ta[s]e + ///	38b

verso

1	/// .[ā]ṃ darśan[ī] + ///	39bc
2	/// [tt]. rair buddhadharmaiḥ v[ai] ///	41a
3	/// [rm]air anuttaraiḥ bhā .i ///	42bc
4	/// ¹⁰ [rm]. + ///	43b

In several lines, the fragment provides previously unattested text:

r1: 2.34c yogakṣemāvibhāhāya for grub dan bde ba bskyed pa yi, cf. Hartmann 1987: 109. The meaning of avibhāha—if the reading of that akṣara as bhā is correct—remains to be understood; a connection with āvir-bhāva is metrically inadmissable since a long syllable vi would lead to a variant which is not

¹⁰ Line dotted out, possibly due to shortage of space between line 3 and the bottom margin or, as Lore Sander points out (1988: 547), because the scribe, copying folio-wise, had to fill redundant space.

accepted in metrical theory and by Mātrceța.

- r2: 2.36a nirdhautamal(apankā)ya, cf. Hartmann 1987: 110.
- r3: 2.37ab (p)r(ahāṇapāpapuṇyā)ya ś<ū>nyatābhā(v)i(tātmane), cf. Hartmann 1987: 111 with the reference to the Tocharian translation.
- r4: based on the evidence of the above fragment and two unpublished fragments from the Pelliot Collection in the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, it is now possible to restore the whole line of 2.38ab as nirvāntasarvasaṃkleśavāsanāmalacetase (supplemented from Pelliot Sanskrit Numéro bleu 120, line v3: /// 7 nirvā[nta]sarvasaṃkleś. + ///, and Numéro bleu 2, line r2: /// + + [n]āmalace () ///).
- v2: 2.41ab anutt(a)rair buddhadharmair vai(śā)radyabalādibhiḥ, cf. Hartmann 1987: 114 (supplemented in the beginning from another unpublished fragment of the Pelliot Collection, Petits fragments Sanskrits sur fiches No. 988 with line b of the verso side: /// .. ḥ 40 anu[t]t. ///).

4a) MS 2382/172; Varnārhavarņa 2.43a–55c;

recto

a	/// + kāntavyavadānatvān m. + ///	43ab
b	///o ya te namaḥ sukhaduḥ[khai] ///	44d–45a
c	/// + + +m .o + ///	46c

verso

a	/// .y[ā]bh. [y]. g. n. bh. [d]r[ā] .[dh]. ///	53cd
b	/// [d]. pahārine apadāyā ///	55bc

rb: probably to be reconstructed to $(m)o(n\bar{a})ya$ for °maunāya in 2.44d, cf. Hartmann 1987: 116; namaḥ confirms the reconstruction, see loc. cit.

va: $bh(a)dr(ab)\bar{a}(n)dh(av\bar{a}ya)$ confirms the reconstruction in 2.53cd, cf. Hartmann 1987: 121.

4b) MS 2382/276: Varnārhavarna 6.29c-40d and 8.1a-c; fol. 19

recto

1	+ + [v]īm anuyāsyaṃti katham ekāṃśavād[i]naḥ ida[m]. + + ///	29c-30a
2	na prakāśāndhakārayauḥ prakṛṣṭam antaraṃ yadvat t[v]advā[d]. + + ///	31.b-d
3	vāgvastumāttram evāsāv ayam padapadārthavān* vyākhy. + + ///	33а-с
4	t[v]advādaparavādayau asam[pradhāry]am evaitad [bh]avamokṣā .[t]. ///	34d-35b

verso

1	[ta]d eva jinav. tvadvādaparavādayau ihaikāntayathātatvam [mau] ///	36c-37b
2	ntāntarāyikaḥ vimātratāstu kāto [nyā] tvadvādaparavādayau + + ///	38b-d
3	pās te sarve idam ekam subhāṣitam dhṛtam balābalam [te tva] + + + + ///	40a-d
4	+ .ā cit karha cid yena yānti vikk[r]āntagāminaḥ t[ū] + + + + + ///	8.1a-c

r1: (padav)īm anuyāsyamti confirms the suggestion ad 6.29c, cf. Hartmann 1987: 208.

- r2: 6.31b-c prakāśāndhakārayoḥ | prakṛṣṭam antaraṃ; cf. Hartmann 1987: 209. For the genitive dual forms, the fragment has -yau/-yauh throughout.
- r3: 6.33a-b is now completely preserved, vāgvastumātram (°mātra in SHT 638) evāsāv ayam padapadārthavān. Cf. Hartmann 1987: 210.
- v3: it closes the gaps in 6.40a asatpralāpās te sarve (sarva in P 26,1); the next te most likely wrong for

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tena. Cf. Hartmann 1987: 214.

v4: chapter 6 is immediately followed by chapter 8 (cf. above).

4c) MS 2381/4; Varṇārhavarṇa 8.16c-28d; fol. (21)

recto

1	/// .ā[ya]na śrīmān ṛju[r] v[i]vṛta āñ[j]asaḥ [a] + ///	6c-17a
2	/// [m]isaṃku[lāt* a]kliṣṭāṣṭāṃ[gasaṃpa]nne .l[ā] ///	18bd
3	/// [] saddharmābharaṇaiḥ śubhrai[r] bhr[ājiṣ]ṇubh[i]r a ///	20a-b
4	///aiai .ītās traṣṭiṃ nirāmiṣāṃ ni ///	21c-22a
ve	rso	

1	/// + + + kṛtā abhi[ṣ]iktā mahāyāne [yau] ///	23bd
2	/// [tsna]m āliṃgyeva jagat sthitaḥ ahaṃ va ity an[ā] ///	25a-c
3	/// [para]: nāthās tvaṃ sarvasatvānāṃ sāmāny[au ///	26d-27b
4	/// .āya sānāthyam antaprāpto pi gacchati · ///	28cd

r4: read *tṛpṭiṃ* instead of the—in this script—very similar *traṣṭiṃ*, cf. Hartmann 1987: 244. v3: read *nāthas* instead of *nāthās*, cf. Hartmann 1987: 248.

4d) **MS 2382/142**; *Varnārhavarṇa* 9.10a–21d; fol. (23)

recto

1	$/// + + .t. + + .bh. + + [s]y\bar{a}d$ aprameyaupakāriņi : par $[\bar{a}] + + + ///$	10a-c
2	/// + + + .[r]. n te jagaddhitasukhāva[ha]m buddhaniśvās. $+ + + + ///$	11c-12a
3	///+.[u].dh śvāsavījitāḥ apāsya viṣayāṃ divya $[n]++++///$	13b-c
4	/// sarve tvām upajīvamti samto vṛṣṭim iva pra + + + ///	15a-b

1	/// + + [ya]thārūpo hitāśay.[h] manaurathānām api tā bhū[m]. + ///	16d–17a
2	/// d. pa[k]ārarasajñatām tāvakās te bhaviṣyanti dharmadāyāda[b]. + ///	18a-d
3	/// + + .t. va śāsanam ya[s]mā tu navagacchanti s[ph]uṭā māreṇa v[ai] + ///	19d-20b
4	$/// + + + \dots$ [n] hāprapā n[dh]akāraparitāpānubhāvi[n]. ///	21c-d

- r1: 9.10a—c k(a)s $t(. \times \times - .)y(.)d$ aprameyaupakāriņi | parā(rtha°) for || gan tshe mgon khyod mdzad pa ni || thams cad gźan don kho nar bas || dpag med phan pa mdzad pa po || khyod la lan cis lon par 'gyur || (words preserved in the Sanskrit text are in Roman). Cf. Hartmann 1987: 257f.
- r2: 9.12a $buddhani\acute{s}v\bar{a}s(a^{\circ}--\circ)$. Cf. Hartmann 1987: 258f.
- r3: 9.13b—c (b)u(d)dh (an)iśvāsavījitāḥ <|> apāsya viṣayāṃ divya° for || saṅs rgyas dbugs kyi ṅad bab na || bag med pa yi lha rnams kyaṅ || lha yi yul yaṅ spaṅs nas ni ||, cf. Hartmann 1987: 259; either viṣayāṃ has to be changed to viṣayaṃ, or, more likely, divyan to divyān.
- r4: 9.15a-b sarve tvām upajīvamti samto vṛṣṭim iva pra(jāh |). Cf. Hartmann 1987: 260. There is a problem with the akṣara remains before sarve: they cannot be reconciled with pāda d of the preceding verse (tarpayan paramārthatah), but in r3 they seem to fit.
- v1: 9.17ab manorathānām api tā bhūm($ih \times \times - \times |$); manorathānām corrected from manaurathānām (several times the ms. seems to prefer au to o, cf. the note to fragment 4b r2 above; then read either

- tā<m> bhūm(im) or tā bhūm(īh) for Tibetan sa de. Cf. Hartmann 1987: 261.
- v2: 9.18b-c *upakārarasajñatām* <|> *tāvakās*; the Tibetan translation *ro mchog*, however, suggests °*rasāgratām*, cf. Hartmann 1987: 262; this is preferable since °*jñatām* would be the rather meaningless object of *prativetsyanti* in pāda a.
- v3: for 9.19d the ms. preserves śāsanam, corresponding to S 100, 1 against śāsanāt in L 30r3, cf. Hartmann 1987: 262. Thanks to a fragment of a Sanskrit-Uigur bilingual version¹¹ the line has become much clearer, and the mysterious 'tsho bźin du, "alive," is corrected to mtsho bźin du, "as if (into) a lake." It is now to be reconstructed as hra(dam iva - x) vi(śe) [y]us tava śāsanāt, "on behalf of your teaching, they would enter into a blazing fire as if into a lake," with only the expression for "into a blazing fire" (kun tu 'bar ba'i mer) still missing.
 - 9.20a-b yasmāt tu n<ā>vagacchanti sphutā mārena vairinā. Cf. Hartmann 1987: 262.
- v4: in the beginning of the line, apparently the upper part of a \dot{n} is preserved, which confirms the restoration $(^{\circ}par\bar{a}\dot{n})[m]ukh\bar{a}\dot{h}$ in 9.21b, cf. Hartmann 1987: 263.

The word paritāpa in mahāprapātāndhakāraparitāpānubhāvinaḥ (9.21c-d) provides an equally acceptable variant reading to the paridāha of the Central Asian manuscripts; the Tibetan yons su gdun ba would translate both of them.

5a) MS 2382/192a; *Varṇārhavarṇa* 1.18d–27b; fol. [3]¹² recto

2 3 4 5	+ + + + + + [y].ḥ [m]. /// cid evāvalaṃbate [] /// hānadya sravaṃtyo nava /// tha saiva [na] saṃpradhā ///	17b-c 18d 20a-b 21c-d
verso		
1	sakalā śaśiprabhā .r. ///	25a-b
2	saṃpado munīndrava .[n]. ///	26a-b
3	ram mārgo nird[v]amdva sva[rbh]. ///	27a-b

- v2: 1.26a (tathā) ca nāmeya(~ ~)saṃpado, perhaps to be restored to something like °ameyaguṇodasaṇpado for yon tan dpag med chu ldan pa, cf. Hartmann 1987: 84.
- v3: regrettably, the manuscript breaks off at exactly the same point as one of the Hoernle fragments in the British Library and continues to leave us with the enigmatic sva[rbh]., probably for tshans pa'i theg 'gyur, cf. Hartmann 1987: 85.

5b) MS 2382/261, 200a, uf1/4a; Varnārhavarna 3.8b—18d;

recto

2	/// $+ + + + + + [r]$. tv. $s\bar{a} \cdot laksan\bar{a}nu[c]$. $+ +$	8b-c
3	/// + [n] d. vākara ivāparaḥ [s]. rve sarvādhva	9c-d
4	/// [dh]. rmāṇāṃ sākṣarākṣare na .e vyāhanyate bu	11b-c
5	/// svairam te sarvam rdhyati na .e .[ā] .o .[i]	12d-13a

¹¹ Hartmann/Maue 1991: 76f.

¹² Since the preceding text would have taken up two folios, the number here must have been 3, although, due to damage to the folio, only one of the three tadpole-shaped marks used to write it is preserved.

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verso

1	/// $+ +$ ktayaḥ sa[h]e[t]u[p]ratyavasthānā	14b-c
2	/// + thāvaiṣiṇāparaḥ [] sutiraskṛta	15d–16a
3	/// .[o]kaṃ sūdvaidham api niścitaṃ sugaṃbhīra	17a-b
4	/// + [g] [h]i[r]. n. yī + + +	18d

v2: avaiṣiṇāparaḥ is a mistake for avaiṣi nāparaḥ, khyod kyis mkhyen gźan min, cf. Hartmann 1987: 148.

6) MS 2383/98a; Varņārhavarņa 3.11b-21a;

recto

a	/// [kṣare] + + + ///	11b
b	/// kim cit kuśalam kuśalā ///	13ab
c	/// + + danānātvā sā + ///	15ab

verso

a	/// iva dharmāṇāṃ niryāṇ[ā] ///	19ab
b	/// [n]ām [· v]imu .i[r] i[va ś]. + + ///	20d-21a

The small fragment preserving line recto b is separated, and it is questionable if it ever was connected with the upper part in the way now suggested, since the gap between the text in lines rc and va is too short for two more lines and too big for no lines at all.

va confirms (ni) [r] yāṇāṇām in 3.19b, cf. Hartmann 1987: 150.

vb also preserves akṣaras not attested so far: cf. [v]imu(k)[t]ir i[va śu](ddh)ī(nāṃ) in Hartmann 1987: 151.

1) recto

2380/19

verso

2380/19







2) A one side only

2383/76



3) recto

verso





4a) recto

verso



2382/172



4b) fol. 19 recto

2382/276



verso

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4c) fol. (21) recto

2381/4



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4d) fol. (23) recto

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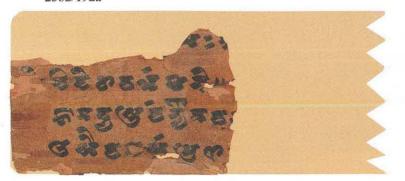


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5a) fol. [3] recto

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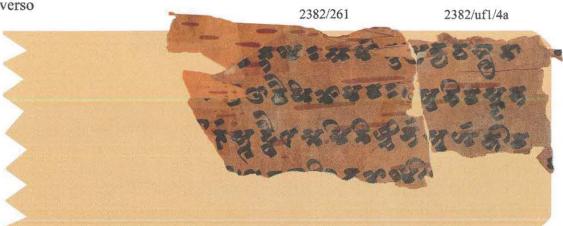
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5b) recto

2382/261 2382/200a

verso



6) recto



