

Boulder Samurai

Listen to me, David
I'm not very learned, but I have something to say
From beginningless time I have been caught in
 samsara's web
Through auspicious coincidence and through my own
 great desire
I met the only father guru.

Because of my laziness
Because of my slow and plodding mind
I failed to recognize him as the dharmakaya buddha
Through his grace and the grace of our whole lineage
I woke up from a dream.

You presented me with his picture
Let me present you with his face
Don't waste time on thoughts of good or bad
Don't waste time on success and failure.

Listen to me, David
The guru's body is the wish-fulfilling gem
If you wait without patience, that is not true waiting
If you strive without devotion, that is not true energy
Merge whatever exists in your mind with the guru mandala.

Let's not wait too long
Join the vajra dance
Clench your fist and bear down with your teeth
Embrace the world without deceit.

Thank you for your precious thought
Nurture that thought until it becomes enlightenment
This is all I have to say
Being poor in speech but rich in heritage.

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