

TO THE VENERABLE TAIZAN MAEZUMI ROSHI

I pay homage to the noble lineage
To the great gurus who have expressed the
sentiments of the Buddha.
May they guide me and inspire me.

Although I was stupid
I don't feel that way any more.
Although habit-forming thoughts produced
anxiety and depression
I don't feel that way any more.
Although timidity and uncertainty produced
ignorance
I no longer feel that way.

To you who explained the Buddha's way
Without care for personal entertainment
To you who explained the bodhisattva's true
heart
Without need for confirmation
I offer what resources there are
In a stupor of hospitality and ease.

You bring a sense of real heritage
Along with a sense of great effort.
We are grateful without embarrassment.

Please accept this invitation on my part
The one who speaks for the only father guru
And whose blood is thick with devotion.

Come back to us again next summer
When the hot breeze heats
Sake sweat
And beings in all realms rejoice.

With the tongue of the Kagyu fathers
I request that you return to us in 1978
To turn the wheel of the dharma.

This is written with full heart
And complete saturation in the mind of my guru
By Karma Chökyi Dawa Legpai Lodrö Ösel Tendzin
Chogle Namgyel.
Please accept our wish
And fulfill your vow.

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