

Living With the Challenge

Universal passion
Guardian of human beings
You cultivate the flowers of kindness
I pay homage to the Lady of ladies.

Overcoming obstacles is your great feast
Like pure gold you delight all who see you
Soft as a rose petal, you melt the hardest heart
A diamond in the sunlight, you are the rainbow
of good fortune.

The music of dharma, your continuous song
The glory of Shambhala, your pure intention
Loyalty is your sword, devotion your first thought
You bring the medicine of compassion to those who suffer.

Celebrating your birthday is wonderful and ordinary
With that in mind I make this wish—
May we never be separated through all our lifetimes
Together let us proclaim the true meaning of love.

Cheerful Birthday!

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