

BLACK AND TAN

Dark bearded man with soft eyes and inquisitive mind Always looking like you stayed up too late Slightly working hard all the time Did you go gray from taking this job, from being Ambassador? Your successor is likely to suffer the same fate.

Earthy beauty with a steady gaze,
Making people feel at home.
Helping others without calling attention to yourself.
Trusted lady of the supreme Vidyadhara,
How can you stand it?
Your successor will probably have to buy some new drapes.

You both have given your very best effort
In propogating the holy dharma in the Wasp kingdom.
Having to cut through cobwebs of pilgrim's progress.
Having to raise a toast to the everlasting amrita of cheerfulness.

You have been unwavering in following the guru's command. We are all completely grateful.

Because of you the glorious light of Rinpoche's lineage Has flourished in the land of short arms and long pockets. Please continue to be as humble and genuine and powerful as you are.

Thank you for helping me; thank you for helping others. See you in Kalapa.

With much love,

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