

## **GATE OF SWEET DEW**

Homage to the Buddhas in the ten directions.  
Homage to the Dharma in the ten directions.  
Homage to the Sangha in the ten directions.  
Homage to our original teacher, Shakyamuni Buddha.  
Homage to the great reliever of suffering, Avalokiteshvara Bodhisattva.  
Homage to the venerable Ananda, revealer of the teaching.

Giving rise to the Bodhi mind, we respectfully hold one bowl of pure food. We offer it to all the hungry ghosts in all ten directions extending to the end of vast emptiness and encompassing every minute particle of the Dharma Realm.

We invite all deceased ancestors, the spirits of mountains, rivers, and earth, and all the demons of untamed lands to come and assemble here.

Now with compassion and empathy we offer each of you food. We sincerely hope that each and every one of you will receive our offerings, turn it over, and pass it on to all Buddhas, arhats and sentient beings throughout the realm of vast emptiness.

May you and all sentient beings together be fully satisfied. Again, we hope your bodies will be conveyed by these offerings and mantrams so that you may let go of all suffering, attain liberation, be born in heaven, receive joy, and play freely in the pure lands of the ten directions.

We support you in producing the awakened mind, practicing the Way of Bodhi, moment-by-moment becoming Buddha without regressing.

May those who have previously attained the Way vow to realize the other shore together with all other beings.

Again, we hope you and everyone day and night without end will sustain and protect us so that our vows will be fulfilled. Thus we offer this food to you. We convert and dedicate the merit of this offering to all sentient beings in the Dharma Realm so that they may all receive it equally.

With all beings equally holding this benefit, we turn it over and dedicate it to the unsurpassed Bodhi and all the liberating insights. We hope for your swift attainment of Buddhahood free from unfortunate retribution.

May all conscious life of the Dharma Realm be conveyed in this manner to accomplish quickly the Buddha's Way.

**Dai Hi Shin Dharani**  
*Great Compassionate Mind Dharani*

Namu kara tan no tora ya ya namu ori ya boryo ki chi  
shifu ra ya fuji sato bo ya moko sato bo ya mo ko kya runi  
kya ya en sa hara ha ei shu tan no ton sha namu shiki ri  
toi mo ori ya boryo ki chi shifu ra rin to bo na mu no ra  
kin ji ki ri mo ko ho do sha mi sa bo o to jo shu ben o  
shu in sa bo sa to no mo bo gya mo ha te cho to ji to en  
o bo ryo ki ru gya chi kya rya chi i kiri mo ko fuji sa to sa  
bo sa bo mo ra mo ra mo ki mo ki ri to in ku ryo ku ryo  
ke mo to ryo to ryo ho ja ya chi mo ko ho ja ya chi to ra  
to ra chiri ni shifu ra ya sha ro sha ro mo mo ha mo ra ho  
chi ri yu ki yu ki shi no shi no ora san fura sha ri ha za  
ha za fura sha ya ku ryo ku ryo mo ra ku ryo ku ryo ki ri  
sha ro sha ro shi ri shi ri su ryo su ryo fuji ya fuji ya fudo  
ya fudo ya mi chiri ya nora kin ji chiri shuni no hoyo mono  
somo ko shido ya somo ko moko shido ya somo ko shido  
yu ki shifu ra ya somo ko nora kin ji somo ko mo ra no ra  
somo ko shira su omo gya ya somo ko sobo moko shido ya  
somo ko shaki ra oshi do ya somo ko hodo mogya shido ya  
somo ko nora kin ji ha gyara ya somo ko mo hori shin  
gyara ya somo ko namu kara tan no tora ya ya namu ori ya  
boryo ki chi shifu ra ya somo ko shite do modo ra hodo ya  
so mo ko

**Calling out to hungry spirits** by Krishna Das

Calling out to hungry hearts  
everywhere through endless time--

You who wander, you who thirst--  
I offer you this bodhi mind.

Calling out to hungry spirits  
everywhere through endless time--

Calling out to hungry hearts  
All the lost and the left behind;

Gather 'round, and share this meal;  
Your joy and your sorrow, I make them mine.