

Lineage Of The Matriarchs*

Doan:

The sky of samadhi and the moonlight of wisdom form the temple of our practice. Our friends and family members guide us as we walk the ancient path. We express our heartfelt **gratitude** and acknowledge our debt to all successive **Buddhas** and **Ancestors** who have transmitted the authentic **Dharma**, including the Great **Matriarchs**, and we pay **homage to The Mother of all Buddhas**, Prajna Paramita.

All:

And to the First Nuns who **realized the Way**,
Maha **Pajapati**, **Mitta**, Yasod**dhara**, **Tissa**, **Sumana**, Upa**sama**, Nandut**tara**,
Dant**ika**, Sak**ula**, **Siha**, Dhamma**dina**, Kisago**tami**, Vai**dehi**, Vase**tthi**, Ubb**iri**,
Pata**chara**, Isi**dasi**, Bhadda-Kapil**ani**, **Mutta**, **Chapa**, **Dhamma**, **Chitta**,
Vim**ala**, Addha**kasi**, Paduma**vati**, Ambap**ali**, Anop**ama**, Abhirupa-**Nanda**,
Jenti.

Doan:

And to Queen Srim**ala**, the one who uttered the Lion's Roar of the
Tat**hagata**
To the **Dragon Girl**, who **preached the Lotus Sutra**
To **Tara**, Noble Mother of **Compassion**, **born from the tear of Avalokita**
To Kwan **Yin**, **Essence of Compassion**.

All:

And to the Great Zen Mother Ancestors **Honored Ones**,
Zongchi Daio**sho**, Iron **Grinder** Liu Daio**sho**, **Mo**-shan Daio**sho**, **Miao**-xin
Daio**sho**, **Miao**-shan Daio**sho**, **Miao**-tao Daio**sho**, **Ryonen** Daio**sho**, **Egi**
Daio**sho**, **Ekyu** Daio**sho**, Mofuku **Sonin** Daio**sho**, **Soitsu** Daio**sho**, Mugai
Nyodai Daio**sho**, Ryonen **Gesho** Daio**sho**, Mizuno **Jorin** Daio**sho**, Nogami
Senryo Daio**sho**, Kojima **Kendo** Daio**sho**, Zenpo-**Eshun** Daio**sho**

Doan:

And to all the **Honored Ones** **seen and unseen**
whose names have been **forgotten** or **left unsung**.
We dedicate this chant to the true **nature** of all **beings**
In hearts and **voices** of **gratitude** for **all our Great Mothers**
May we be the perfection of **wisdom** of **all our Great Ancestors**
And turn the Wheel of the **Dharma** with **ever-present Great Compassion**
Hand in hand may we **realize** the **Awakened Way** together.

**Note: This chant is melodic. The green text is sung one tone up and the red text one tone down.*