

Verse 12

*Vanappagumbe yathā phussitagge
Gimhānamāse pathamasmim gimhe
Tathūpamam dhammavaram adesayi
Nibbānagāmmim paramam hitāya
Idam pi Buddhē ratanam paṇītam
Etena saccena suvatthi hotu*

Just like a forest crown in full blossom,
in the first month of the summer season,
so has the sublime doctrine
that leads to Nibbāna been taught for the
highest good (of beings).
In the Buddha is this precious jewel found.
On account of this truth, may there be well-being!

	<u>Meaning</u>
<i>Vanappagumbe</i>	forest grove
<i>yathā</i>	just like
<i>phussitagge</i>	fully blossomed
<i>gimhānamāse</i>	during the summer month
<i>pathamasmim</i>	first
<i>gimhe</i>	heat (of summer) } early summer i.e. April
<i>tathūpamam</i>	such as
<i>dhammavaram</i>	the sublime Dhamma
<i>adesayi</i>	taught
<i>Nibbānagāmmim</i>	that leads to Nibbāna
<i>paramam</i>	highest
<i>hitāya</i>	benefit (for beings)