Cymbals to Invoke a Compassionate Response: A Prayer for Swift Rebirth of Khandro Tsering Chödrön

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gyal kün dü shyal tso kyé dorje sok

Lake Born Vajra Padmasambhava, the very face and embodiment of all the buddhas,

kyabné rabjam gyatsö tsok nam la

With the whole vast, infinite gathering of sources of refuge,

yomé dungwé yang kyi soldeb na

When I call on you, unwavering, in this heartfelt yearning melody,

mönpé dön di yishyin drubpar dzö

Let this prayer of mine come true!

nangtong yermé yeshe khandrö zuk

Appearance and emptiness indivisible, you appeared in the form of a wisdom dakini,

gang tsering né khorlö gönpo dang

And have long been inseparable from the lord of the mandala,

nyimé lhenkyé gar gyi rol dzepé

Delighting in the dance of the innate nature—

jetsün chö kyi drönmer solwa deb

Noble lady, "Lamp of Dharma", to you I pray!

nyam dang tokpé ökar drawé chi

As the fresh, brilliant light fusing experience and realization

zab yang tuk kyi kha la tampa na

Arose in the profound and vast, sky-like expanse of your wisdom mind,

né sum khandrö gyukar trawé ü

You appeared amidst the bright constellations of the dakinis of the three spheres,

ngönpar to shying shyuk la solwa deb

As the highest, most exalted of all—to you I pray!

gelek chushel kham chen lé trünpé

Arising from the great elements of virtue and goodness,

khyé ku nyagang dawé kyilkhor ché

You appeared like the great disc of the full moon,

nga dö mak gi gé nang dribwé dü

But now that the light of virtue is obscured by the darkness of the five degenerations,

lobur chulhar shyü di chi yi tsul

Suddenly, you have set to the West¹—how could this be?

dechir daki tsen té ö shyak kyi

So, with all the radiance of the auspicious signs of a dakini,

khyüpé yangsi nyishyön wangmo gang

May your rebirth swiftly appear, like the new rising sun

ten dro shar ri trakpar nyur jön né

That dawns over the eastern mountains of the teachings and beings,

gelek pemö dab tong drol gyur chik

And makes the thousand petalled lotus of virtue and goodness burst into bloom.

When the wisdom mind of the secret consort of Jamgön Khyentse Dorje Chang, Khandro Tsering Chödrön, dissolved into the dharmadhatu, I, Sakya Trizin Ngawang Kunga of the Khön family composed this with a clear mind of inspiration, just as the Rigpa Sangha requested. May it come to pass!

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I Literally "Varunadevi's direction".