

THE GREAT HEART OF WISDOM SÛTRA  
(Prajñâpâramitâ Sûtra)

Kannon  
Bodhisattva of compassion  
while practicing  
the Deepest Wisdom  
clearly saw that  
the five aggregates are empty  
thus transcending every suffering

Therefore know that  
form does not differ  
from emptiness  
emptiness does not differ  
from form  
form is emptiness  
emptiness is form  
feeling thought  
impulse and consciousness  
are likewise emptiness

Know also that  
this original Nature  
is not born does not die  
is not defiled is not pure  
does not increase  
does not decrease

Hence in emptiness  
no form no feeling no thought  
no impulse no consciousness  
no eye no ear no nose  
no tongue no body no mind  
no seeing no hearing no smelling  
no tasting no touching no thinking  
no realm of sight  
no realm of consciousness  
no ignorance no end of ignorance  
no old age and death  
no end to told age and death  
no suffering no craving  
no end of suffering  
no Path no wisdom no attainment

Hence all Bodhisattvas  
depend on this Heart of Wisdom  
because mind is no hindrance  
no fear exists  
and far beyond delusion  
they dwell in Nirvana

All Buddhas of  
the past present and future  
live this Deepest Wisdom  
and thereby realize  
supreme enlightenment

Therefore know that  
this Wisdom beyond wisdom is  
the greatest Dhâranî  
the brightest Dhâranî  
the highest Dhâranî  
the peerless Dhâranî  
it can transcend all suffering  
know this as truth and do not doubt

So proclaim  
this profound Wisdom Dhâranî  
proclaim the Dhâranî that declares  
gone gone gone to the Other Shore  
attained the Other Shore  
to beyond the Other Shore  
having never left

DEVOTIONAL

We pray that this merit universally pervade all existence  
and that we and all sentient beings achieve this understanding  
We pay homage to all Buddhas of past present and future  
the World-Honored One  
Great Bodhisattvas  
Great Heart of Wisdom

THE FOUR GREAT VOWS

However innumerable all beings are  
I vow to save them all  
However inexhaustible my delusions are  
I vow to extinguish them all  
However immeasurable the Dharma Teachings are  
I vow to master them all  
However endless the Buddha's Way is  
I vow to follow it completely