1. For the Very Venerable Fourth Karma Thinley Rinpoche

Nyima Than Dawa Lama

Radiant Luminosity of the 3 times and 10 directions

Lord of Dharma Samaya pure

Cloudbanks of Merit

Student and Teacher of the Dharmaraj

Master of the Old and New Realization Lineages

Karuna and Upaya

Lion Roaring Bodhisattva in this ending age

Sublime Root Essence

We pray for your excellent health and long life

and may our Mind/Heart’s well up tears of joy

everytime we experience your inconceivable presence

Bodhicitta Balm for all the 6 Realm suffering ones

then may we be truly called your Dharma Daughters and Sons

2. Master of the Dance: A Song of Praise for His Holiness Thinley Norbu Rinpoche

Lord of the elemental Dakinis

True Heart Sun of the Omniscient Jnana

Unadorned Dharmakaya

Manifesting Jewel of effulgent radiance

Mahasukha Guru of Pristine Awareness

Magically dances thru the 6 realms

Seeding, cultivating, and harvesting

those difficult to tame

Jambudvipa’s Multicultural Master of the Dance

Whose footsteps are the essence of all Dharmas

Attune to the subtlest 3 gate rhythms

of his Kali Yuga seekers’ needs

Master choreographer of the 3 times and 10 directions

All at their own pace take heed

The jewel of activity never follows or never leads

Skill in action his only deed

The old bhusuku.

November 31, 1992 Year of the Water Monkey

Gangteng Tulku’s Sangha

Los Angeles, California

3. For His Eminence Chagdud Tulku Rinpoche

In the heart cave of the Lama’s Mind  
the mighty Mahasukha river flows  
trees are kindly bent to ease us  
but water at the roots is the greatest gift of all

*Written on the August Full Moon, 1990 at H.H. Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche’s Pilgrimage.*

*Ngakchang Karma Yeshe Namgyal Dorje*

4. BOW AND ARROW: A Doha For His Holiness the 16th Karmapa

Heart drops, white and red   
Blending Black   
Mother/Father union   
wedding two into one   
Emptiness/Bliss

The arrow maker’s son   
Ksana arises

Black Hat Ruby

The target

Effortless archery

feathers whistle

Wisdom Wind

Neck hairs rise

Earth/Water eyes release

Devotion to the Guru

Shanti Shanti Shanti

*Dedicated to he who wears the Black Hat and Black Cloak and gives the Black Pill, and to the Fourth Karma Thinley Rinpoche, Lord of Yogis and the inner secret activity of all the Karmapas.*

5. DRAGON’S PEAK: A Doha For His Holiness Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche

A pithy lair

Two ancient Naga Kings and a Prince in grooming

One whose tongue moves not when he speaks

One who is the Lord of Speech

the Third, Master of the common idiom

Circumambulating clouds of hoary breath

around bejeweled Mount Meru

Sky Maidens swirling offerings

Gandharvas reed-like bodies continuously intone

OM AH HUNG OM AH HUNG OM AH HUNG

Dharmapalas chant the Lion’s Roar

Five Budhha Families transmute

Five Poisons into Amrit

Dakinis Dancing Feet

The Mahaguru Comes

the Last of the Great Ones from the Land of Snows

OM AH HUNG OM AH HUNG OM AH HUNG

OM AH HUNG BENZAR GURU PEMA SIDDHI HUNG

Sarvam Mangalam

*Dedicated to the quick return of H.H. Dilgo Khentsye Rinpoche to Jambudvipa. Rigpa Summer Retreat, 1990.*

6. For the Very Venerable Lama Tharchin Rinpoche

Holy Lama of Luminous clarity

Wishfulfilling Jewel of the Nine Yanas

Nirmanakaya of Rigpa’s supreme Bliss

and effortless compassion

We pray to the most Ancient Lineage of

The Vidyadharas

The 5 Buddha Families

The Long Life Dakas and Dakinins

The 21 Taras

Lord Amitayus

And our true refuge in this Dark Age

Pema Jungne

To continue raining the wondrous elixirs of

Long Life and vitality

Imbuing every pore of your 3 Kaya manifestation

with the

Lion like virya of the Mahasattvas of Yore

Holy Lama,

We whose ocoal like prima ignorance

has been transported through aeonic time on a

Ship of fools

Have endlessly suffered in the dark hold of the

three poisons

Battered by the storms of duality

Ravaged by the 8 samsaric Demons of

Sudden impediments

Miraculously are transformed by your

All Accomplishing Wisdom

We sparkle with Diamond Awareness

Descending with the View and rising with conduct

Holy Lama, We pray you stay the course

Forever our captain, navigator, physician,

Spiritual Friend, and beacon until we reach the Other shore

OM GATE, GATE, PARAGATE, PARASAMGATE, BODHI SWAHA

*With heartfelt gratitude.*

*The old bhusuku.*

*Completed on Dakini Day February 27, 1992 Iron Sheep Year*

7. For the Very Venerable Gyatrul Rinpoche

Sagely laughter dancing through the wangs

Empty Dharma prankster

Whose heart knows no bounds.

Brings his Western toddlers

Priceless gifts

As he laughs and dances through the Round

*This Doha was spontaneously composed at the request of my Lama, Anam Thubten Rinpoche, after he had finished translating H.H. Dungse Thinley Norbu Rinpoche and H.E. Chagdud Tulku’s long life prayers into Tibetan at the Dharma Center of Pema Khandro.*

*Los Angeles, California 1994*

8. For His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama

Down from the Land of Snows

All seeing tears flow

The Bodhisattva roams

A Simple monk

Master of the Mundane and Arcane

Mahasukha Mahasiddha

Dzogchen-Mahamudra-Lam Rim

Amitabha’s Speech and Heart

Aimlessly awake

One crystal bead,

all one hundred and eight

for all beings’ sake

no need for haste

one taste

Aimlessly awake

9. In praise of the Drikung Kagyu Lineage and a Long Life Prayer for Khenpo Konchog Gyalsten Rinpoche

Homage to you, who are the Practice Lineage’s Torch of Certainty In this Dark age of disbelief. The blazing sun rays of your loving kindness melt the iron knotted hearts of your fortunate disciples, illuminating the mind streams of even the most degenerate of Yogis in this decadent time,

You are the Mahamudra Refuge in this turbulent Ocean of Samsara, taming the Leviathans of Ignorance, desire, and aversion with the Vajra Song of the Madhyamika View, and the luminous clarity of the Great Seal, and the fearless activity of the Bodhisattva Warrior. Your samaya is the stainless ambrosia, the quintessence of the  
Golden Rosary of nectar like pristine teachings and transmissions, the unfathomable ocean of Vajradhara’s primordial awareness flowing thru vast chilicosms into Sri Tilopa’s sea of emptiness, effortlessly manifesting the great Mahamudra tributaries… Naro, Marpa, Mila, Dakpo Lhaje, He who merged the two streams into one, the Glorious Phagmodru, Lord Jigten Sumgon, the two Illustrious Kybagon’s, and you the Lotsawa of Mirror Like Wisdom, your Vajra laughter enchanting and enlightening even the dead void heretics who hear only the distant thunder of your Lion’s Roar.

We supplicate all the Buddha’s of the 3 Times and 10 directions, the unerring Truth of the Teachings, the Sublime Sangha, and the most Holy Root Lama, Dorje Chang, the 1000 armed lineage tree, the All Accomplishing Heruka, Chakrasamvara, Vajra Yogini, the unborn self arising Dakini Queen, and her splendorous retinue, the infinite vast array of Dharmapalas, and to the Maha Guru of the most secret Nyinthig, Pema Jungne, we pray for your long life, radiant health, all accomplishing activity of the sacred Dharma, and restoration of the prolific enlightener of sentient beings, the Jewel Ornament of Liberation, the most noble Drikung Kagyu.

*10th day of the New Moon, Iron Sheep Year*

*With deep affection and sincere appreciation,*

*the lazy old Yogi.*

*Sarvam Mangalam*

10. For Lama Anam Thubten Rinpoche

Homage to you, Lotsawa Chenpo

You are the rainbow bridge spanning the Eastern and Western

Samsaric Seas

Majestically astride your Sky Dragon

Golden Hued, Red Pandita hat flapping in the wind

Gently awakening

as you effortlessly soar the Sambhogakaya Realms

Spontaneously revealing the rarest Dharma Jewels

Incanting treasure tomes

Most graciously in English tones

The sublime Madhyamika/Dzogchen view

Ever vigilant Katogpa Kama and Terma Lineage Holder

Heart son of the peerless Dudjom Lingpa

We, your Western disciples pray for your

long life and radiant health

Supplicating to the 3 Jewels, and the 3 Roots

of the 3 Times and 3 Kayas

That you the Sun of Dharma continuously rise as the

resplendent Eastern rays of Mirror Like Wisdom,

as the Golden Equanimity dawning in the South,  
as the Red glow of Discriminating Wisdom setting in the West,   
as the All Accomplishing Wisdom rising from the vast Green Northern Sea,  
Climbing high into the endless Blue Dharmakaya Sky   
Illuminating the 6 Realms and Beyond  
Until all realize the luminous emptiness of Infinity

*Chime Nephew  
New Moon, March 1994*