

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, Yasodhara, Tissa, Sumana, Upasama, Nanduttara, Dantika,
Sakula, Siha, Dhammadina, Kisagotami, Vaidehi, Vasetthi, Ubbiri, Patachara, Isidasi,
Bhadda-Kapilani, Mutta, Chapa, Dhamma Chitta, Vimala, Addhakasi, Padumavati,
Ambapali, Anopama, Abhirupa-Nanda, Jenti.

Doan:

And to Queen Srimala, the one who uttered the Lion's Roar of the Tathagata
To the Dragon Girl, who preached the Lotus Sutra
To Tara Nobel 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 Daioشو, Iron Grinder Liu Daioشو, Mo-shan Daioشو Miao-xin Daioشو,
Miao-shan Daioشو, Miao-tao Daioشو, Ryonen Daioشو, Egi Daioشو, Ekyu Daioشو,
Mofuku Sonin Daioشو, Soitsu Daioشو, Mugai Nyodai Daioشو, Ryonen Gesho
Daioشو, Mizuno Jorin Daioشو, Nogami Senryo Daioشو, Kojima Kendo Daioشو,
Zenpo-Eshun Daioشو

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.