### Garland of Playful Display: Praises to Vajravārāhı

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# र्स् हे सम् स्रित पर्सेत् पर्सेत् पर्सेत पर्से सेत पर होता विषा द्या परि



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#### **INTRODUCTION**

All Nyingma and Sarma traditions have methods which comprise both Generation and Completion Stages. Some forms of the Vajrayoginī practice contains an "outer" yogini, an "inner" yogini and a "secret" yogini. Of all these lineages from Sarma traditions, there are three that are most commonly practiced:

- Nāropa's Vajrayoginī lineage, which was transmitted from Vajrayoginī to Mahasiddha Nāropa;
- Maitripa's Vajrayoginī lineage, which was transmitted from Vajrayoginī to Mahasiddha Maitripa; and
- Indrabhuti's Vajrayoginī lineage, which was transmitted from Vajrayoginī to Mahasiddha Indrabhuti.

These three Vajrayoginī practices are known as *The Three Red Goddesses* (mar mo skor gsum) in the Sakya tradition of Tibetan Buddhism.

### 1st Karmapa's Praises

The *Praises* by 1<sup>st</sup> Karmapa, Dusum Khyenpa (1110-1193), are a poetic description of the visualization of two-faced Vajravārāhı and what each aspect of her symbolizes. It stands alone as a praise and visualization. For more on the 1<sup>st</sup> Karmapa's connection and writings on Vajrayoginī, please see here.

Interestingly, the *Praises* contain a reference to Virūpa (bi ru pa or bir wa pa, lit. 'ugly one') who was born in Bengal, a 7-8th century Indian mahasiddha and yogi, and the source of important cycles of teachings in Tibetan Buddhism. The 1<sup>st</sup> Karmapa writes that Virūpa, having seen the face of her amidst a feast gathering, composed the Praises spontaneously during that vision. Virupa got the lineage of Vārāhī from Indrabhuti, for more on the lineages of Vajrayoginī, see here. Apologies for any errors, may it be of benefit!

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मु'गर'भू८'र्

In Sanskrit: Vajravārāhı Totra Lalita Māla

र्चन'अन'त्। र्हे'हे'सवा'र्केते'चर्श्वेन'च'र्रेल'चते'खेन'च'बेषाचु'च

In Tibetan: Dorje Phagmo Töpa Rolwai Threngwa/

र्ट्र.ह्र.त्वा.ध्र्.ज.त्वेवा.पक्ज.ज्री

dorjé phagmo la chaktsal lo

I prostrate to Vajravārāhi!

द्रै-र्वायात्रुमः इस-वा चवा सेर्वायाया स्वाप्याप्यापरा॥ वेषायितः भूते भूते भूते स्वाप्याया स्वाप्याप्याप्याप्य

tam dü sum namdak zakmé zhalyékhang nyepé kyön pang natsok pemé ü

From TAM a completely pure, stainless palace of the three times, at the centre of a multicoloured lotus: completely free of faults and sins.

चर्वा.श्रर.क्षेत्र.वीच.श्र.र्.वार्ज.चप्.क्षेट.॥ वार्ज.चेत्र.सूत्र.क्षेत्र.धु.श्रप्त,वार्व.क्षेट.व॥

dakmé lhündrub mi ro dalwé teng duljé dön tön nyimé den teng na

On top of a human corpse: spontaneously accomplished selflessness.

On a sun seat: teaching for the benefit of disciples.

मेबारचास्राह्मेन् वित्राम्यक्रम् स्वाप्त्राह्मे चित्राम्यक्रम् वित्राम्यक्रम् वित्राम्यक्रम्

sherab tarchin thab chok rolpé ku dé wai nyam gyé chudruk lo lön tshul

A playful form: the supreme method of prajñāpāramitā.

Sixteen year old aspect: the flourishing experience of bliss.

विषयः वार्षेत्रः र्यटः अह्र्रः ज्ञयः मेथः र्यप्रः यपुः अर्द्वा। अधयः वार्षेत्रः श्रुः वाष्ट्रयः यभ्रैतः वश्चीरः यवाः क्या।

kham sum wang dzé leb gen marwé dok tha nyi mi né kyangkum gying bagchen

Bright red<sup>1</sup> in colour: Magnetizer of the three realms<sup>2</sup>.

Stance of legs stretched and bent: non-aiding in the two extremes.

चेत्र त्र्त्र क्ष्मियायभ्रम् प्रति से स्वर्मा ग्रावर स्वर्मित स्वर्मित स्वर्मित स्वर्मित स्वर्मित स्वरम्

yeshe ö tshog kalpé mé tar bar

kündzob tsul tön zhal gyön thromo té

Blazing like a kalpa-ending fire: the mass light of primordial awareness.

Left wrathful face: demonstrating relative reality.

ट्रॅब.र्च अ.स्र्वा.श्रद्यायायायायायाच्यायाद्रेट.ख्या

र्भेु**व ग्रीका का क्षांका व ग्वाय ग्वाय** हाला का

döndam tokmé yepa phak dong zhal

kyön gyi ma gö na za dang dral ma

Right sow's face: non-conceptual ultimate reality.

Without clothing: unpolluted by faults.

अक्ष्य.त्रा.मीय.वार्क्ट.वालळ.ता.मी.वीवा.ही।

चट्रे.चप्रु.स्.ब्रुट्.वार्ल्य्य.त.ब्र्ट्.विवा.चङ्ग्यशा

tsenma gyen chö gyepa driguk té

dewé ro nyong yönpa tötrak nam

Right holds a curved knife: severing adorning characteristics.

Left holds a skull-cup of blood: the experiential taste of bliss.

द्यायत्र्यः म्याषा अर्ळव । ता त्रृं योव र त्यहेव॥ येथवा ह्या स्वापा स्वा

naljor taktshen khatwam gyendu dzin

semjung namdak go lön doshal chen

Bearing a Khatvanga staff aloft: symbolising the yogi.

Necklace of freshly severed heads: completely pure mental factors.

चन्वा'सेन्'कुत्'ठत्'त्र्य'दादे'त्वेत्र'स्यास्या हेव्वय'द्यायास्या स्वायास्यास्या

dakmé gyenchen rüpé khorlö dzé

tokpé ma ching utra thurdu drol

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Surrounded by beautiful, bone ornaments: endowed with selflessness.

Hair flowing loose: unbound by concepts.

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gyalwé dung sob rik ngé töpé gyen tongpé gyetab dorjé trengwé dü

Adorned with a skull crown of five: Victorious Regent of the five families.

Gathered in a vajra garland: sealed with emptiness.

क्यान्यावाष्ट्रवाष्ट्या

namthar sum tsön chen sum mar la dum mi kyö rikdzin chitsuk dorjé tshen

Three round, red eyes: symbolizing the three liberations<sup>3</sup>.

Vajra at the crown apex: unshakeable awareness-holder.

या.जीया.थक्ष्य.ज्ञीया.य्या.कु.लाट.ज्ञैट.॥ ट्विट्या.जया.था.वालूया.सू.हं.त्यवा.कूरा.पर्टेटी

malü tshen tré drolwé chiyang nang ying ley ma yö dorje phag mor dü

Liberating all adorning characteristics without exception,

Unwavering from the expanse, to Vajravārāhı, bow down!

इत्यादर्श्चिरःस्ररःतर्द्द्रःस्रायतःतर्शेतेःया्र्ङ्रःस्र्ररःतर्द्द्या र्याषाःग्रीःख्रःतर्द्द्रःतर्शेःचतःतर्श्वा

naljormar dü khandrö tsomor dü rik kyi yum dü drowé jungné dü

To the yoginī bow down! To the chief of dakinīs, bow down!

To mother of the families, bow down! To source of wanderers, bow down!

वेषयान्द्रक्षां अधिव निव्यत्या ग्री प्राप्त क्ष्या चर्छते । निवास विवास विवास

nyam dang jetün yang kyi ngaro yi tshé chü dü su pawo tön jepé

Who with a roaring sound concordant with experience, teaches the dakas on the tenth date,

क्रॅट्र-वेट्र-ट्ट्र-ब्रब्य-व्रब्य-ग्री-ट्यट्र-क्र्या

dewé ro nyong dön gyi tha sal té

tongnyi ngang né nyam kyi wang thob shok

Completely clear meaning, experiential taste of bliss. May we attain the power of experience from within emptiness!

र्से हे स्वा अँदे पङ्गेन या रेवा प्रेत से या बेबा छा या

That is called the Garland Of Playful Display: Praises to Vajravārāhı.

In the place of Uddiyana in the midst of a feast gathering, glorious Virūpa<sup>4</sup>, having seen her 'face', was inspired to compose this complete song during that playful display.

क्र्याग्री:८व्हिट्याग्री:स्याचटावया

ब्रूट.धेट.ब्रेट.इंट.इंट.पट.ल.यविवाया

chos kyi dbyings kyi pho brang nas

stong nyid snying rje'i ngang la bzhugs

From the palace of the dharmadhātu, abides emptiness-compassion.

त्र्ना.ज.श्रेट. हृपु.श्रेर. तक्षेष्व. तपु. हृ. तर्श्व. या.ज. ह्या. तक्ता.ज्ञा

dro la nyingjé kur tenpé jetsünma la chaktsal lo/

To the teacher who has compassion for all wanderers, to venerable lady pay homage!

यालयारा.मी.यीया.यथा.थायप्र.सी. यात्यं.रा.टाङ्के.सीयाया.यार.पह्या। सीया.मू.जा.याकुर.सी.सीया.याकुर.सी.सीया.याकुर

yepa driguk namkhar char/ yönpa bendha tukkar dzin/ trak drol cherbu chak nyi ma In the right, a curved knife held aloft in space.

In the left, holding a skull-cup at the heart.

Hair flowing loose, naked with two arms.

अर्वे 'र्चेदे 'सेट 'र्चेद 'र्चेर 'र्वे 'र्चेद 'र्वे 'र्चेद 'र्वेच 'र्चेच 'र्वेच 'र्वे

gowö trengwé doshal chen/ chakgya nga yi gar dzé ma/ naljorma la chaktsal lo/

A necklace garland of heads; five mūdras of the dancing lady, to Vajrayoginī pay homage!

र्दे 'प्रां या र्यंत 'या या जुद्दा राती। अने दा या राती या वित्र या राती या वित्र या राती या वित्र या राती या व

ham yom sabon le jungwe/ thingshun dogchen lhamo ni/

From seed syllables HAM YAM, copper-coloured goddess,

ब्रि-विवानर्र्नित्वे तर्हे अया। या अन्ति त्या क्षुवा तर्क्या पङ्गिन्।

thötrak dü zhi jom/

ya ma ni la chag tshal tö/

A blood-filled skull-cup: conquered the four maras. To Yamani, pay homage and praise!

👸 ैं कें राजें व राजा चुरायी। ५८ वी कर्षा कर सुर्वे वी

hrim mom sa bön lé jung wé/

dung gi dok chen lha mo ni/

From seed syllables HRIM MOM, the conch-shell coloured goddess,

अर्थे.स्.क्र्यंत्रात्र्यंत्रात्र्यात्रमा क्र्यंत्रम् क्रियाचेत्रमा

gowo lön pé do shel jé/

mong jé ma la dak tö do/

A necklace of freshly severed heads; to Mohani<sup>5</sup> I praise!

'ફે'જાં'ત્રા'ર્વેત્ર'યત્રા કુદ'પત્રી યાત્રેર નું અર્દેવા રુત્ર સૂં સું જો

hri mam sa bön lé jung wé/ ser gyi dok chen lha nga mo ni/

From the seed syllables HRIM MAM, the golden-coloured goddess,

स्वा.मे.र्ज.लुय.टामेथ.टा.ड्री।

भ्रवा:बेद्राया:वर्षा:वर्ष्ट्रद्रा

chak gya nga yi gyen pa té/ trak jé ma la dak tö do/

Adorned with the five symbolic mūdras, to Tragjema I praise!

र्नु'र्नु'ष'र्चेद'यष'ह्यूट'पदी।

<u> इट.वीपु.अर्ट्वा.ब्य.कॅ.क्राब्रा</u>

hum hum sa bön lé jungwé /

jang gü dok chen lha mo ni/

From the seed syllables HUM HUM, the green-coloured goddess, Dakini Publications, 2021

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ब्रुवा.ग्रेट.स्र.ल.सेवा.पक्त.टार्डूटी

kha twam tsé sum chak na nam / sek jé i

sek jé ma la chak tsel tö/

Holding a three-pronged Khatvanga staff, to Sekjema pay homage!

ধ্ব'ধ্ব'মার্ব্র'এম'রুদ্'ঘ্রী

নু'নমি'অর্দ্রবা'ভব'ঞ্জ'র্মা'বী।

phat phat sa bön lé jung wé/

duwé dok chen lha mo ni/

From the seed syllables PHAT PHAT, the smoke-coloured goddess,

ने अदे निष्य ता नमु द नमु अपनिष्य

क्ष्ट्रे.गा.ज.सेवा.एक्ज.यङ्ग्रेटी

nyi mé den la kyang kum zhuk/

tsindaka la chak tsel tö/

Abiding on a sun seat with legs stretched and bent, to Tsindaka pay homage!

क्र्वायास्य पञ्चा पान्त्र त्या हिता स्वायास्य ॥

tsik su ché pa chui tö pa dzok so//

The ten verses of praise are complete.

<sup>1</sup> The Tibetan *leb rgan* seems to be a type of Indian gur gum, a tree which bears white fruit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The three realms are the desire realm ('dod khams, kAmadhAtu), form realm (gzugs khams, rUpadhAtu), and formless realm (gzugs med khams, arUpyadhAtu).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> These are the three liberations (stong pa nyid, mtshan ma med pa, smon pa med pa).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Virupa (Sanskrit: Virūpa; Tib. bi ru pa or bir wa pa, lit. 'ugly one') was born in Bengal, a 7-8th century Indian mahasiddha and yogi, and the source of important cycles of teachings in Tibetan Buddhism.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Literally the one who makes stupid/dull.