

Supplication to Tara

Jigten Sumgon had a vision of the seven Taras at the Echung Cave and sang this song:

In the unborn dharmadhatu
 abides the reverend mother, the deity Tara.
She bestows happiness on all sentient beings.
I request her to protect me from all fears.

Through not understanding oneself as dharmakaya,
 one's mind is overpowered by the kleshas.
Our mothers, sentient beings, wander in samsara.
Please protect them deity mother.

If the meaning of dharma is not born in one's heart,
 one just follows the words...of conventional meaning.
Some are deceived by dogma.
Please protect them perfect mother.

It is difficult to realize one's mind.
Some realize, but do not practice;
 their minds wander to worldly activities.
Please protect them deity mother of recollection.

Non-dual wisdom is the self-born mind.
By the habits of grasping at duality,
 some are bound, no matter what they do.
Please protect them deity of non-dual wisdom.

Although some abide in the perfect meaning,
They don't understand the interdependence of cause and effect.
 They are ignorant of the meaning of objects of knowledge.
Please protect them omniscient deity mother.

The nature of space is free from elaboration.
 Nothing is different from that.
Still practitioners and disciples...don't realize this.
Please protect them perfect Buddha Mother.

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