

## Autobiography in Verse of Khandro Tsering Kunga Bum-ma



Essence that embodies the three  
refuges,  
Kind root lama,  
Crown ornament never apart from the top  
of my head,  
Bestow blessings of all that is wished for!

Welcomed by these auspicious pleasing  
words,  
Now I will share the substance:

I am Khandro Tsering Kunga Bum-ma  
My ethnicity is Tibetan, my birthplace in a  
gathering of farmers and nomads.  
From age seven I sought to understand  
the causality of nomadic farmers.  
Although I found joy in the meaning of  
interdependence and isolated retreat,  
My parent's village was lacking education  
for me.

When looking at outer objects and the mind inside  
Some marvelous bliss, clarity and non-thought directly arose.  
Various experiences and realizations dawned unimpeded in the mind.

Principal of all divine protectresses of the Victorious One's teachings,  
Glorious Queen, Palden Lhamo Maksor[1]—I saw her joyful face!  
She said, "You must go to unfamiliar places at uncertain times."  
I received a promise to grant me prophecies and to continuously take me under her care.

From then on, conceptual fixations collapsed.  
In unpredictable ways I visited the sacred sites and the Jowo shrine in Lhasa.  
I then went to the great monastic seat of Tashi Lhunpo.  
Due to poor sustenance and clothing, I suffered all sorts of struggles.

While on the pilgrimage path, I met an old hermit-sage.  
He said in order to revive the Fifth Dalai Lama's twenty-five hidden teachings,  
I must go to the noble land of India and meet the most exalted Dalai Lama.  
In that way he bestowed many prophecies,  
And gave me provisions and money for the journey.

On the journey, at Mount Kailash and other places,  
Within the blissful expanse of illusory relative appearances,  
I encountered some spiritual guides such as Jigme Lingpa.  
They granted me introduction to the heart essence of the Great Perfection.  
Thus, my being was blessed through karma, aspirations, and interdependence.  
I received the pith instructions for liberating unfavorable negative circumstances.

As prophesized by deities and lamas, through hardships and trials,  
In 1994 I arrived in Swayambu, Nepal.  
Sickened by contaminated food, I was afflicted by unbearable suffering.  
In that state, pure visions and various other apparent phenomena appeared as perceptions.

Barely surviving, I made it to Dharamsala, in the noble land of India.  
How I was received at Nèlen by some heartless staff!  
While being denied an audience with His Holiness, a lot of time was lost.  
Receiving mistreatment and scorn, this illusory body was filled with illness.

At a time when I was slightly better,  
By the power of various prophesies of deities and lamas,  
And help given by some spiritual friends,  
I got the good fortune, the opportunity to meet the Dalai Lama.

For many years a deity had sometimes taken me over.  
I didn't know who it was, and I didn't know what to do about it.  
At the end of meeting the Great Vajradhara, the Victorious Dalai Lama,  
The Protectors Tseringma and Tenma entered me.  
I was then authorized and enthroned as the official government oracle of Tseringma and Tenma.

I received uncommon, profound pith instructions from His Holiness on Lama, Yidam, Khandro  
and Protectors.  
Particularly, His Holiness proclaimed I have a special karmic connection with the secret hidden  
pure visions of the 5th Dalai Lama,  
And he authorized me as the Doctrine-holder of those teachings.

The Dalai Lama said I am a self-occurring yogini,  
And gave me empowerments, transmissions, and pith instructions.  
For ten years I exerted myself earnestly in meditating on approach and accomplishment on  
what I received from him.

For more than twenty years I received teachings from the King of Victorious Ones, Vajradhara  
Dalai Lama,  
And empowerments, transmissions, and pith instructions on the great scriptures and so forth  
Directly from various great masters of all Tibetan Buddhist lineages.

I applied myself for a long time in listening, contemplation, meditation, accomplishment, and the activities.

Realizing emptiness, compassion naturally dawned, and I arrived at faith.  
May the undeceiving ocean of the three roots grant auspiciousness!

*[1] 'Queen Pāravatī', also Shri Devi. A wrathful form of Palden Lhamo. This particular deity is the main protector of the Dalai Lamas.*