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1. Thus was heard by me. At one time the Auspicious One was dwelling at Savatthi in Jeta's Grove, Anathapindika's Park.

2. At that time the Auspicious One was honored, esteemed, revered, worshipped, respected. He was a gainer of robes, almsfood, lodgings, medicines, provisions and necessities for the sick. The bhikkhu Sangha too was honored, esteemed, revered, worshipped, respected. It was a gainer of robes, almsfood, lodgings, medicines, provisions and necessities for the sick.

3. The followers of other standpoints however, were not honored, esteemed, revered, worshipped, respected. They were not gainers of robes, almsfood, lodgings, medicines, provisions and necessities for the sick. Then those wanderers of other standpoints, unable to bear the honour of the Auspicious One and the bhikkhu Sangha, having seen the bhikkhus in the village and in the forest, reviled, abused, annoyed and harassed them with vulgar and harsh speech.

4. Then a large number of bhikkhus approached the Auspicious One. Having approached, having bowed down to the Auspicious One, they sat down to one side. Having sat down to one side, those bhikkhus said this to the Auspicious One.

5. At present, O Bhante, the Auspicious One is honored, esteemed, revered, worshipped, respected. He is a gainer of robes, almsfood, lodgings, and medicines, provisions and necessities for the sick. The bhikkhu Sangha too is honored, esteemed, revered, worshipped, respected. It is a gainer of robes, almsfood, lodgings, medicines, provisions and necessities for the sick. The followers of other standpoints, however, are not honored, esteemed, revered, worshipped, respected. They are not gainers of robes, almsfood, lodgings, medicines, provisions and necessities for the sick.

6. "Now, O Bhante, those wanderers of other standpoints, unable to bear the honour of the Auspicious One and the bhikkhu Sangha, having seen the bhikkhus in the village and in the forest, reviled, abused, annoyed and harassed them with vulgar and harsh speech."

7. Then the Auspicious One, having understood the significance of this, uttered this inspired utterance:

> "Touched by pleasure or pain in the village or forest,
> neither regard it as my own nor another's;
> touches touch one on account of ownership,
> by what could touches touch the ownerless one?"