

WATERING A SOIL

For Dipika Damerla
(Ontario MPP, Mississauga East-Cooksville)

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**There once was a fair MPP, ooh la la!
We know her name, don't we, Dipika Damerla,
Thought she how timely it would be
To serenade the Buddha for all to see.**

**Cherishing a memory of an age-old wisdom received
Watering, in a rich new soil, to see it bequeathed
A Teaching that's Timeless, Tested and True,
Joining hands with you, you and you.**

**So we're here in assembly today
To sing a song to you, sing hurray!
To a music in many a tongue
From around the globe far far flung.**

**Tolling the bells of Peace, setting 'em ring
Joining you, in unity, in hope, we sing:
Roll along Roll along Roll the Dhamma Wheel
Let us all unite to Roll the Dhamma Wheel!**

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