

Abandoned (deserted) flower

It was a beautiful and spectacular
hamlet

The sun was shining brightly

The well-grown tall rubber trees
ripe fruits.

Fragrant white coffee flowers

bloomed house yards

lush and green paddy fields
decorated the hamlet.

This cute and good-looking lass

Met me in this surroundings

Her round race

elongated eyes

Pointed chin

Pink lips

golden cheeks

long nose

long hair

invited me to love her.

She fell in love with me

but I was dumb.

'Cos a friend of mine loved her

one day I bade farewell to that
land

when I came back

she had wedded

but not my pal.

- *Jayantha Premalal*
Hettiarachchi,

The Buddha's wish

Vesak reminds

Annual message

The years stretch

Time speeds

The word passion

Compassion lives

Lasting peace

Disciplined selves

Faith in trust

Mind purified

Refrain evil

Believe the Buddha

Set in motion

Changes, renewals

Lifestyles stringent

A new beginning

Unselfish, concerned

Practise truth

Spreading tranquillity

- *Miran Perera*