

DHARMA WORDS PARINIRVANA DAY

A canopy of clouds in boundless blue skies -
pale pink camellias falling off the branch
Is there coming and going?

This day of Shakyamuni Buddha's Parinirvana -
the Buddha's physical human body, gone.
The aged ill body, gone.
All the disciples and followers, weeping.
All the animals and trees, weeping.
The whole universe, weeping.
Such grief. At Kushinagara one feels it still.
What kind of human being was this?
Awake! Awake.

Great Bodhi Mind flowing forth -
reaching everywhere
even here in this small room
to this very body-minds standing here
striving to awaken as you did.

Eeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee.....

The Original Face
is beyond Birth and Death.
This birth and death is
the life of a buddha.