

At dawn, the crescent moon, the morning star
Shine in the vast blue sky above.

Great Honored One Shakyamuni Buddha,
After a long struggle, you sat on a nest of kusa grass
on the cold plains of Gaya and become one
with the Morning Star.

“Wonder of wonders!” you exclaimed.
“The Great Earth, all beings,
and I are all together Awake!”

Here! Now!
Each of us living this reality as One Single Being.

The whole universe is a shining morning star.

We are Thus:
Great Hearts resolute as diamond,
serving all beings everywhere.

Eeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee....

A splendid branch issues from the old plum tree.
And yet, so many suffering beings appear everywhere.

— Egyoku

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