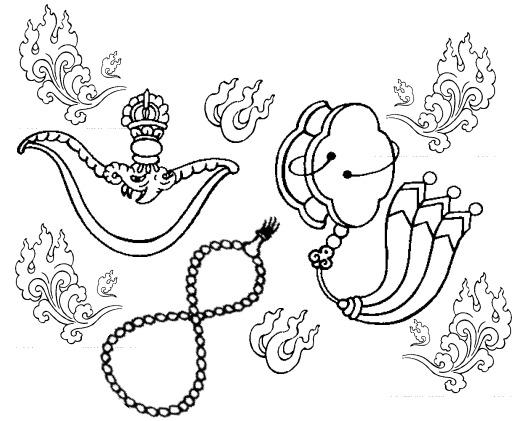


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HUM
Nyor dzä chän rä zig la chhag tshäl lo
Zhab dub dang chä vi na ya ka nän
Nag po chhen po tag gi sham thab chän
Chhag drug drül gyi gyän gyi nam par gyän
Yä pa dri gug bar wa threng wa dzin

Tha ma da ma ru ni drag tu thröl
Yön pa thö pa dang ni dung tse sum
De zhin zhag pa zung nä chhing war je
Drag pöi zhäl ni chhe wa nam par tsig

Chän sum drag po u tra gyen du bar
Träl war sin dhu ra yi leg par jug
Chi wor mi kyö gyäl pöi gyä tap tän
Trag dzag mi go nga chüi do shäl chän

Rin chhen thö kam nga yi u la gyän
Shing lä jön nä tor ma len dzä päi
Päl dân chhag drug pa la chhag tshäl tö
Sang gyä tän pa nyän po sung wa dang

Kön chhog u phang nyän po tö pa dang
Dag chag pön lob khor dang chä nam kyi
Kyen ngän bar chhä tham chä zhi wa dang
Chi dö ngö drub nyur du tsäl du söl

Mantra of the Six-Arm Lord Mahakala

OM VAJRA MAHAKALA KSHIM KSHETRA VIGHAN VINAYA TRA
HUM HUM PHAT PHAT SVAHA



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HUM
Quick-acting Avalokita, homage to you!
Wearing anklets, you trample Ganesha.
Mahakala, you wear a tiger skin loincloth.
Fully adorned with snake ornaments on your six arms,
The [first] right holds a drigu, the middle a mala,

The last plays violently a damaru;
The left [hands] hold a skullcup and a three-pronged lance,
And, likewise, a noose, which serves for tying up.
Your wrathful mouth completely bares its fangs.

Your three eyes are fierce. The hair of your head blazes upward.
Your forehead is properly anointed with red lead.
On your crown, Akshobhya's royal presence is fixed.
You wear a great necklace of fifty human heads, dripping blood.

On your crown you are adorned with five dry, jeweled skulls.
You come from your tree and accept our tormas offering,
Glorious six-arm one, homage and praise to you!
Sternly protect the doctrine of the Buddha!

Sternly praise the height of power of the Jewels!
For us – teachers, disciples, and entourage –
Please quell all bad conditions and obstructions,
And grant us quickly whatever siddhis we wish!

Colophon:

This prayer was composed by the great yogi Drubchen Shawari who wrote this prayer during a vision of Mahakala that appeared to him gradually from the feet upwards.
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