

Buddha Poems

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Buddha on TV

They are making a TV film about the Buddha. He turns up on time, and does a single take; he is quietly pleased with his performance, despite a couple of minor rough edges. When he watches the finished film, however, the Buddha is uncomfortable: it seems a long time before he appears, and then he hardly recognises himself. Who is that presenter, anyway, and what is his angle? He hopes they are going to focus on issues, not personalities.

Travelling Buddha

The Buddha has difficulty travelling by train: being absent minded, he forgets where he has put his ticket. After several embarrassing mid-journey hunts under the eyes of the waiting inspector, the Buddha develops a strategy: he writes himself a note to remind him where he has put the ticket. Unfortunately, he then mislays the note. Eventually, the Buddha travels with a note in every pocket, each saying: 'Your ticket is in your wallet'. In his wallet, however, he finds only an identical note.

Buddha in the Kitchen

The Buddha's favourite snack is cheese on toast. Cheese, chutney, butter, bread—mmm! Sometimes, however, he finds he has no chutney. Sometimes no butter. Sometimes no bread. Sometimes no cheese. Take away all the ingredients, and what's left?—Oh, please, says the Buddha; that's just ridiculous!