

Tara, giver of joy and peace

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Mothers pray to you  
and children pray to you

Merchants pray to you  
and travelers pray to you

Doctors, and lawyers and judges pray to you  
the innocent pray to you  
and the guilty pray to you

Students and scholars pray to you

Artists pray to you

the dull and the brilliant pray to you,  
the humble and the proud

married people pray to you  
and single people pray to you

those who are sick  
and those who are healthy pray to you

healers pray to you  
and those with a loved one in need  
pray to you

kings and street sweepers pray to you  
the living and the dying pray to you

the wealthy and the destitute pray to you  
the young and the old,  
the high and the low

all reach out their hands to you  
all turn to you,  
as their closest protector, guide and refuge,  
as their benefactress in times of need,  
and they turn to you in gratitude  
as their patroness in times of success

All these prayers you hear  
and you respond to them all in visible and in invisible ways -  
ways beyond the scope of ordinary conception

Although you are the most exalted one,  
we run to you in total trust and confidence  
like a child to a parent

going with total trust,  
like a favored one  
in the presence of an enlightened ruler

we go to you,  
and rest  
we are sheltered by you  
cared for  
and protected

Though your name can be said simply  
and your divine qualities can be so easily known,  
the depth of your wisdom, compassion, and activity,  
is such that,  
lifetimes of study and practice,

until we ourselves become more like you,  
are just a beginning, in truth

and so our everyday appeals  
are for more simple things

we ask:

O Tara, Joy of the World,  
let your presence be more fully known by us

clear away whatever obstacles there may be  
and let the light, comfort and inspiration that you *are* be known  
ever more fully by us now

pacify suffering conditions  
and help us to live well  
encourage us to outdo  
what we thought was possible before

stabilize whatever we have now of health, virtue,  
wisdom and good fortune,  
and increase, to meet our needs,  
whatever we may lack

O Glorious Tara,  
hope of the world,  
to you we all pray,

May your blessings be upon us all,  
so that we can, each one of us, achieve our aims,  
and peace,  
and fulfillment