***Vows of a Bodhisattva***

***May I be a guard for those who need protection***

***A guide for those on the path***

***A boat, a raft, a bridge for those who wish to cross the flood***

***May I be a lamp in the darkness***

***A resting place for the weary***

***A healing medicine for all who are sick***

***A vase of plenty***

***A tree of miracles***

***And for the boundless multitudes of living beings, may I bring sustenance and awakening***

***Enduring like the earth and sky,***

***Until all beings are freed from sorrow***

***And all are awakened***.

*Shantideva, 6th century sage*