

Liberation from All Obstructions

(In Appreciation of Shodo Harada, Roshi)

In the presence of Sangha, in the light of Dharma, in oneness with Buddha –

may my path to complete enlightenment
benefit everyone!

In this passing moment karma ripens and
all things come to be.

I vow to affirm what is:

If there's cost, I choose to pay.

If there's need, I choose to give.

If there's pain, I choose to feel.

If there's sorrow, I choose to grieve.

When burning, I choose heat.

When calm, I choose peace.

When starving, I choose hunger.

When happy, I choose joy.

Whom I encounter, I choose to meet.

What I shoulder, I choose to bear.

When it's my birth, I choose to live.

When it's my death, I choose to die.

Where this takes me, I choose to go.

Being with what is, I respond to what is.

This life is as real as a dream;

the one who knows it can not be found;

and truth is not a thing, therefore I vow

to choose THIS Dharma entrance gate!

May all Buddhas and Wise Ones

help me live this vow.