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HUM
Nyur dz醞 r醜 zig la chhag tsh醘 lo
Zhab dub dang ch醜 vi na ya ka n醜
Nag po chhen po tag gi sh醜n th醜 ch醜n
Chhag drug dr醜l gy醜n gy醜n gi nam par gy醜n
Ya pa dri gug bar wa threug wa dzin

Tha ma da ma ru ni drag tu th醜l
Y醜n pa th醜o pa dang ni dung tse sum
De zhin zha ng pa zung n醜 gi chhung war je
Drag p醜i zha n醜 gi chhe wa nam par tsig

Ch醜n sum drag po u tra gyen du bar
Tr醜l war sin ch醜u ra yi leg par jug
Ch醜i wor mi ky醜 gi y醜l p醜i gy醜n tap t醜n
Trag dz醜g ni go nga chu醜i do sh醜l ch醜n

Rin chhen tho k醜n nga yi u la g醜n
Shing la j醜n n醜 tor ma len d醜 p醜i
P醜l d醜n chhag drug pa la chhag tsh醜l t醜
Sang gy醜n t醜n pa ny醜n po sung wa dang

K醜n chhug u phang ny醜n po t醜 pa dang
Dag ch醜g r醜n lob khor dang ch醜 nam k醜i
Kyen ng醜n bar ch醜h th醜m ch醜i wa dang
Ch醜i d醜 ngo drub ny醜r du ts醜l du s醜l

Mantra of the Six-Arm Lord Mahakala

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

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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 driguh, 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 torma 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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