Those who lack a foundation in goodness
Cannot hear this Sutra;
Those who are pure and uphold precepts
Can hear the Right Dharma.

Those who have seen the World-Honored One
Are capable of trusting these words.
With reverence, they listen, receive, and practice,
And leap for joy in their delight.

Those who are arrogant, cruel, and lazy
Have difficulty trusting this Dharma.
Those who have met Buddhas in the past
Take delight in hearing this teaching.

Voice-Hearers and Bodhisattvas
Cannot fathom the Sage’s heart.
This is like a person blind at birth
Who wishes to serve as a guide for others.

The Tathāgata’s ocean of wisdom is
Profound and vast, with immeasurable depth.
Beyond the comprehension of the Two Vehicles,
Only Buddhas can understand it.
Suppose every person fully realized the Way
And had the pure wisdom that sees inherent emptiness.
If they for billions of eons,
Pondered the Buddha’s knowledge,
Exhausted themselves in explaining it,
Even at the end of their lives, they would not know it.
As the Buddha’s wisdom is boundless
Clear and pure in this way.

Human life is extremely hard to attain;
Meeting the Buddha is difficult as well;
Having faith and wisdom is not easy.
Therefore upon meeting the Dharma,
One must seek it with vigor, keep it always in mind,
Treat it with respect, and greatly rejoice,
Then such a person can be my good spiritual friend.

Accordingly, each person must make this resolve:
‘Even if the world goes up in flames
I will endure it to learn the Dharma.
After I become a Buddha,
I will rescue all beings caught in samsara’s flow.’
Ananda! In this land, the radiance from the bodies of the Voice-Hearer extends for one yojanās while the radiance of the Bodhisattvas extends for hundreds of yojanās. The two foremost Bodhisattvas have a radiance that extends everywhere throughout a billion world systems.

Ananda asked the Buddha, “What are the names of these two Bodhisattvas?”

The Buddha responded, “One is named Avalokiteśvara (Guan Shi Yin) and the other Mahāsthāmaprāpta (Great Strength). These two Bodhisattvas practice the Bodhisattva Path in this land. After their previous life ended, they were reborn in this Buddha-land.

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The Buddha told Ananda, "The Bodhisattvas in this land receive the awe-inspiring strength of the Buddha to travel to limitless worlds in the ten directions in the span of a single meal. There, they respectfully make offerings to the Buddhas, World-Honored Ones. Offerings appear as they wish: flowers, incense, music, fine canopies, and banners. These offerings are infinite and boundless, appearing spontaneously the moment they are conceived of. Precious, wondrous, and extraordinary, they cannot be found in the world.

"The Bodhisattvas then take these items and offer them to the Buddhas, Bodhisattvas, Voice Hearers, and the great assembly.

"These offerings form into floral canopies in the sky, shining and dazzling, with an all-pervading fragrance. These canopies are four hundred miles in circumference and then expand until they each cover a large billion-world system. These canopies then disappear in sequence, one after the other.

"Full of joy, these Bodhisattvas play celestial music in the sky as an offering. With exquisite voices, they sing praises of the Buddhas’ virtue. As they listen and receive the teachings in the sutras, their happiness is boundless. After their offering, they swiftly and effortlessly return to their original land even before their meal has started."

The Buddha continues, "When the Buddha Infinite Life teaches the great assembly of Voice Hearers and Bodhisattvas, they gather at the lecture hall made of seven treasures. There he expounds on the Path and the wondrous Dharma, inspiring everyone to be delighted and have realizations of the Path."