

Lucky

Knowing samsara's cause is belief in "I",
You know its remedy to be selflessness
So if you apply scripture and reasoning
To the certainty that there is no self
And if you meditate on selflessness, you're so fortunate—
This is what it means to be lucky

All beings have been your father and mother
Knowing this you train your mind in love and compassion
This makes you stop worrying so much
About your own comfort and happiness
When you give rise to supreme bodhicitta—
This is what it means to be lucky

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