MCHIG NGES

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When I was a child, there was no electricity in my village. Every time Grandfather (Open zen; b. 1929) visited, he told us stories that often encouraged us to be good people. These two stories are the most unforgettable. From 'Paying a Debt of Gratitude' we learned that we need to be kind to animals, and also that we need to repay our debt to people who have helped us. The story about Mchig nges is altogether different. It is just for amusement.

Ten A jo–pilgrims on their way to Lha sa–met Mchig nges one day who asked them, "Where are you going?"

They answered, "We are on pilgrimage to Lha sa to see the holy Buddha image, the jo bo. We will also visit all the holy places there."

Mchig nges said, "There are many holy things in my home to see if you'd like to come see them."

They asked, "What kind of holy things are there in your home?"

Mchig nges replied, "I have sgo gtsig drog, 'The gate which can sound zi once'. There is the lha khang nyi ma dgur shar 'the temple with nine shining suns'. And I also have ra