



BORN IN THE WEST

Wouldn't it be nice to be born in a central land?
Where love and compassion, we're taught to understand
Where children identify with Chenrezig
Where we are loved for who we are Not for what we should be.

But we were born in the west, where materialism is best
And shame is the name of the game
Yes, we were born in the west, where pride and war are best
And shame is the name of the game.

Wouldn't it be nice to be born in a Central Land
Where the self-grasping "I" we are taught to understand
Where children identify with Manjushri
Where wisdom can subdue our pride and vanity.

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Wouldn't it be nice to be born in a central land?
Where benevolent power we're taught to understand
Where children identify with Vajrapani
Where power can subdue ignorance and hostility

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I pray one day America will be a central land
Where love and compassion at least some people understand
Where all the people strive to be like Chenrezig
And practicing virtue is everyone's priority.