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In all things, nothing is real.  
If you see something, don't treat it as real.  
Those who can truly perceive,  
Will perceive everything as not real.  
If you want to realize this reality  
Don't attach to the falsehood that mind is real.  
If your mind can not detach from false phenomena,  
Where can the real be found?  
Sentient beings can move;  
Inanimate objects are stationary.  
If you want to find true "not-moving"  
It's a non-moving mind in our everyday life.  
This true mind that is not moving,  
Is true not-moving.  
If we don't practice this way we are like an inanimate object  
And cannot become Buddha.  
Those who can distinguish all forms without attachment  
Have attained the highest form of not-moving.  
If you can understand in this way  
This is the function of Tathata.  
Followers of the Path,  
You should sincerely and diligently practice with your heart.  
Even though you are practicing in this Mahayana School,  
Do not attach to the view of life and death.  
To those with whom we connect and respond  
We can talk about the Dharma.  
As for those whose point of view differs from ours,  
Let us treat them politely, with palms together,  
And thus make them happy.  
Our School originally has no disputes,  
For they make us lose the meaning of the Way.  
Attaching to argument, we block the Dharma Gate  
And subject our True Nature to life and death.

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