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Text

Verse 1

These greying hairs growing on my head carry off my youthful life, divine messengers manifest, it is time for me to go forth.