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Text

Verse 1

Why, fool, do you have matted hair? Why do you have antelope’s skin? You are a thicket on the inside, but polished on the outside.