Ja 151 — The Story about the Advice to a King

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Daḷhaṁ daḷhassa khipati, Balliko, mudunā muduṁ,

Sādhum-pi sādhunā jeti, asādhum-pi asādhunā,

Etādiso ayaṁ rājā, maggā uyyāhi sārathī ti.

Verse 1 — English

He pits the strong against the strong, Ballika, the soft with softness, the good overcomes with goodness, the bad overcomes with badness, of such a kind is this our king, get off the path, charioteer.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Akkodhena jine kodhaṁ, asādhuṁ sādhunā jine,

Jine kadariyaṁ dānena, saccenālikavādinaṁ,

Etādiso ayaṁ rājā, maggā uyyāhi sārathī ti!

Verse 2 — English

He overcomes anger with non-anger, overcomes bad with goodness, overcomes stinginess with a gift, and lying speech with the truth, of such a kind is this our king, get off the path, charioteer!