Ja 154 — The Story about the Snake

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Idhūragānaṁ pavaro paviṭṭho,

Selassa vaṇṇena, pamokkham-icchaṁ.

Brahmañ-ca vaṇṇaṁ apacāyamāno,

Bubhukkhito, no vitarāmi bhottun-ti.

Verse 1 — English

Here amongst the snakes the noble one has entered, being a rock with colour, desiring safety. Paying homage to the holy man of high class, though hungry, I overcame the desire to eat.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. So Brahmagutto ciram-eva jīva,

Dibyā ca te pātubhavantu bhakkhā.

Yo brahmavaṇṇaṁ apacāyamāno,

Bubhukkhito no vitarāsi bhottun-ti.

Verse 2 — English

Guarded by Brahmā, may you live for a long time, and may divine food manifest itself to you. Whoever, honouring the holy man of class, though hungry, you overcame the desire to eat.