Ja 164 — The Story about the Vulture (who supported his Mother)

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Yaṁ nu gijjho yojanasataṁ kuṇapāni avekkhati,

Kasmā jālañ-ca pāsañ-ca āsajjā pi na bujjhasī ti?

Verse 1 — English

It is known a vulture can see corpses a hundred leagues away, why did you not know after arriving at the net and the snare?

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Yadā parābhavo hoti poso jīvitasaṅkhaye,

Atha jālañ-ca pāsañ-ca āsajjā pi na bujjhati.

Verse 2 — English

When a creature is in decline and life is coming to an end, then he does not know after arriving at the net and the snare.