Ja 177 — The Story about the Ebony Tree

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Dhanuhatthakalāpehi, nettiṁsavaradhāribhi,

Samantā parikiṇṇamha, kathaṁ mokkho bhavissatī ti?

Verse 1 — English

They stand there with quivers in hand, and bows, and bearing noble blades, we are surrounded on all sides, how will there be freedom for us?

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Appeva bahukiccānaṁ, attho jāyetha koci naṁ,

Atthi rukkhassa acchinnaṁ, khajjathañ-ñeva tindukan-ti.

Verse 2 — English

Perhaps, to those with many duties, some benefit may arise, there is some not cut off the tree, eat the fruit of the ebony.