Ja 18 — The Story about Feasts for the Dead

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Evaṁ ce sattā jāneyyuṁ: dukkhāyaṁ jātisambhavo,

Na pāṇo pāṇinaṁ haññe, pāṇaghātī hi socatī ti.

Verse 1 — English

If beings knew thus: this leads to a rebirth full of suffering, no one would kill living beings, for the slayer of beings grieves.