Ja 183 — The Story about (the Fibrous) Drink

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Vālodakaṁ apparasaṁ nihīnaṁ,

Pitvā mado jāyati gadrabhānaṁ.

Imañ-ca pitvāna rasaṁ paṇītaṁ

Mado na sañjāyati sindhavānan-ti.

Verse 1 — English

This fibrous water, tasteless, inferior, drinking it, the donkeys became tipsy. Whereas after drinking this fine liquor the thoroughbreds did not become tipsy.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Appaṁ pivitvāna nihīnajacco

So majjatī tena janinda puṭṭho.

Dhorayhasīlī ca, kulamhi jāto,

Na majjatī aggarasaṁ pivitvā ti.

Verse 2 — English

Having drunk just a little the low man taking it becomes drunk, leader of men. The patient one, born in good family, drinking the finest drink doesn’t get drunk.