Ja 189 — The Story about the Lion’s Skin

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Netaṁ sīhassa naditaṁ, na byagghassa na dīpino,

Pāruto sīhacammena, jammo nadati gadrabho ti.

Verse 1 — English

This is not a lion’s sound, nor is it a tiger’s or leopard’s, but wrapped with a lion’s skin, a contemptible donkey cries out.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Ciram-pi kho taṁ khādeyya gadrabho haritaṁ yavaṁ,

Pāruto sīhacammena, ravamāno va dūsayī ti.

Verse 2 — English

For a long time the donkey may have eaten grass and barley, while covered with a lionskin, but he spoiled it all by braying.