Ja 201 — The Story about the Prison

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Na taṁ daḷhaṁ bandhanam-āhu dhīrā,

Yad-āyasaṁ dārujapabbajañ-ca,

Sārattarattā maṇikuṇḍalesu,

Puttesu dāresu ca yā apekkhā.

Verse 1 — English

There is no bond stronger, so say the wise, whether made of iron, wood, or bulrush, an obsession for jewels and earrings, and the longing towards both sons and wives.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Etaṁ daḷhaṁ bandhanam-āhu dhīrā,

Ohārinaṁ sithilaṁ duppamuñcaṁ,

Etam-pi chetvāna vajanti dhīrā,

Anapekkhino kāmasukhaṁ pahāyā ti.

Verse 2 — English

This bond is the stronger, so say the wise, dragging down, pliant, hard to get free from, having cut this also, the wise depart, indifferent, giving up sensual pleasure.