Ja 204 — The Story about (the Hero Crow) Vīrika

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Api Vīraka passesi sakuṇaṁ mañjubhāṇakaṁ,

Mayūragīvasaṅkāsaṁ, patiṁ mayhaṁ Saviṭṭhakan-ti?

Verse 1 — English

Have you seen, O Vīraka, the bird having a very sweet voice, with a neck looking like a peacock’s, my husband Saviṭṭhaka?

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Udakathalacarassa pakkhino,

Niccaṁ āmakamacchabhojino:

Tassānukaraṁ Saviṭṭhako

Sevāle paḷiguṇṭhito mato ti.

Verse 2 — English

That bird at home in water and on land, who constantly enjoys fresh fish to eat: through imitating him Saviṭṭhaka has died, caught up amongst the lakeside weeds.