Ja 209 — The Story about the Chicken

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Diṭṭhā mayā vane rukkhā, assakaṇṇā vibhīṭakā,

Na tāni evaṁ sakkanti yathā tvaṁ rukkha’ sakkasi.

Verse 1 — English

I saw many trees in the woods, like sal trees and myrobalan, but these trees do not walk around like this tree of yours walks around.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Purāṇakukkuṭo ayaṁ, bhetvā pañjaram-āgato,

Kusalo vālapāsānaṁ apakkamati bhāsatī ti.

Verse 2 — English

This old chicken has departed, having broken out of the cage, the skilful one, departing away from those horse hair snares, speaks out.