Ja 211 — The Story about (the Clever Son) Somadatta

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Akāsi yoggaṁ dhuvam-appamatto,

Saṁvaccharaṁ bīraṇathambhakasmiṁ.

Byākāsi saññaṁ parisaṁ vigayha,

Na niyyamo tāyati appapaññan-ti.

Verse 1 — English

You practiced, and were constantly heedful, for a year, in the fragrant grass bushes. You changed the meaning in the assembly, the one of little wisdom did not preserve the sense.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Dvayaṁ yācanako tāta Somadatta nigacchati:

Alābhaṁ dhanalābhaṁ vā, evaṁdhammā hi yācanā ti.

Verse 2 — English

The one who begs, dear Somadatta, undergoes one of two things: he receives wealth or doesn’t receive, this is the nature of asking.