Ja 214 — The Story about the Full River

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Puṇṇaṁ nadiṁ yena ca peyyam-āhu,

Jātaṁ yavaṁ yena ca guyham-āhu,

Dūraṁ gataṁ yena ca avhayanti:

So tyāgato handa ca bhuñja brāhmaṇā ti.

Verse 1 — English

The one who drinks when the river is full they say, the one hidden when the barley is grown they say, they call upon him when one has gone far off: well then, brahmin, you must eat and then come to him.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Yato maṁ saratī rājā, vāyasam-pi pahetave,

Haṁsā koñcā mayūrā ca: asatī yeva pāpiyā ti.

Verse 2 — English

Because the king remembers me, and offers up the crow to me, he will offer geese, herons and peacocks: forgetting would be worse.