Ja 226 — The Story about the (Impatient) Owl

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Text

Verse 1

Going at the right time is good, not going at the wrong time is good, by going out at the wrong time, alone, and with the many folk, nothing explains the meaning like the owl with the army of crows.

Verse 2

The wise one knows the rules and commands, follows the faults of others, bringing all foes under control, he will be happy like the owl.