Ja 229 — The Story about (the King) who Fled

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Gajaggameghehi, hayaggamālibhi,

Rathūmijātehi, sarābhivassĕbhi,

Tharuggahāvaṭṭadaḷhappahāribhi,

Parivāritā Takkasilā samantato.

Verse 1 — English

With clouds of great elephants, with garlanded great horses, with a wave of chariots, with a great rain of arrows, with the whirlpool of weapon-handlers giving them strong blows, beseiging the great city of Taxila on all sides.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Abhidhāvatha cūpadhāvatha ca,

Vividhā vināditā vadantibhi,

Vattatajja tumulo ghŏso, yathā

Vijjulatā jaladharassa gajjato ti.

Verse 2 — English

Run up against them, approach them quickly, with the sounding of various noises, continue the great sound today, just as with lightning flashes, the rain cloud thunders.