Ja 242 — The Story about (the Gnawing) Dog

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Bālo vatāyaṁ sunakho yo varattaṁ na khādati,

Bandhanā ca pamuñceyya, asito ca gharaṁ vaje ti.

Verse 1 — English

The foolish dog does not chew his way through this strap, you could be free from bonds, gnawing you could go home.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Aṭṭhitaṁ me manasmiṁ me, atho me hadaye kataṁ,

Kālañ-ca paṭikaṅkhāmi yāva passupatū jano ti.

Verse 2 — English

In my mind I am steadfast, I have fixed my heart, I await the time when the folk have fallen asleep.