Ja 245 — The Story about the Root Discourse

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Kālo ghasati bhūtāni sabbāneva sahattanā,

Yo ca kālaghaso bhūto, sa bhūtapacaniṁ pacī ti.

Verse 1 — English

Times devours all beings including its very own self, that being who devours time, roasts the roaster of beings.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Bahūni narasīsāni lomasāni brahāni ca,

Gīvāsu paṭimukkāni, kocid-evettha kaṇṇavā ti.

Verse 2 — English

Many people have heads and hair growing on them, which are fastened on necks, and someone here has ears.