Ja 260 — The Story about (Belly’s) Messenger

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Yassatthā dūram-āyanti, amittam-api yācituṁ,

Tassūdarassahaṁ dūto, mā me kujjha rathesabha.

Verse 1 — English

For his benefit they go far, even to beg an enemy, I am the envoy to his belly, don’t be angry, lord of cars.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Yassa divā ca ratto ca vasam-āyanti māṇavā,

Tassūdarassahaṁ dūto, mā me kujjha rathesabhā ti.

Verse 2 — English

By day and by night they come under his belly’s control, young man, I am the envoy to his belly, don’t be angry, lord of cars.

Verse 3 — Pali source

3. Dadāmi te brāhmaṇa rohiṇīnaṁ,

Gavaṁ sahassaṁ saha puṅgavena,

Dūto hi dūtassa kathaṁ na dajjaṁ,

Mayam-pi tasseva bhavāma dūtā ti.

Verse 3 — English

O brahmin, to you I give these red cows, a thousand cows together with their bull, what will an envoy not give an envoy, for we are surely an envoy to him.