Ja 261 — The Story about (Begging for) Lotuses

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Yathā kesā ca massū ca, chinnaṁ chinnaṁ virūhati,

Evaṁ ruhatu te nāsā, padumaṁ dehi yācito ti.

Verse 1 — English

Just like head hair and beard which are cut off, grow back, so will your nose grow, when begged, give us a lotus.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Yathā sāradikaṁ bījaṁ khette vuttaṁ virūhati,

Evaṁ ruhatu te nāsā, padumaṁ dehi yācito ti.

Verse 2 — English

Just as in the autumn seeds sewn in the field grow, so will your nose grow, when begged give us a lotus.

Verse 3 — Pali source

3. Ubho pi palapantete, api padmāni dassati,

Vajjuṁ vā te na vā vajjuṁ, natthi nāsāya rūhanā,

Dehi samma padumāni, ahaṁ yācāmi yācito ti.

Verse 3 — English

Both of these talk nonsense, though he give lotuses, whether they say or don’t say, there is no nose grown, friend, give me lotuses, I am begging this ask.