Ja 270 — The Story about (the Sour-Looking) Owl

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Sabbehi kira ñātīhi kosiyo issaro kato,

Sace ñātīhanuññāto, bhaṇeyyāhaṁ ekavācikan-ti.

Verse 1 — English

Over all my relatives, it seems, the owl has been made ruler, if I have permission of my relatives, I would speak one word.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Bhaṇa samma anuññāto, atthaṁ Dhammañ-ca kevalaṁ,

Santi hi daharā pakkhī, paññavanto jutindharā ti.

Verse 2 — English

Speak, friend, you have permission, all that is Dhamma and meaningful, although these birds are young, they’re endowed with wisdom and brilliance.

Verse 3 — Pali source

3. Na me ruccati, bhaddaṁ vo, ulūkassābhisecanaṁ,

Akkuddhassa mukhaṁ passa, kathaṁ kuddho karissatī ti?

Verse 3 — English

Good luck to you, but I do not like the anointing of the owl, look at his face when not angry, what will it be when made angry?