Ja 273 — The Story about (the Biting) Turtle

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Ko nu uddhitabhatto va, pūrahattho va brāhmaṇo,

Kahaṁ nu bhikkhaṁ acari? Kaṁ saddhaṁ upasaṅkamī ti.

Verse 1 — English

Who is that with a pile of food, like a brahmin with a handful? Where did you wander to almsfood? What funeral did you attend?

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Ahaṁ kapismi’ dummedho, anāmāsāni āmasiṁ,

Tvaṁ maṁ mocaya bhaddaṁ te, mutto gaccheyya pabbatan-ti.

Verse 2 — English

I am a foolish monkey, having touched the untouchable, if you release me, bless you, free, I’ll go to the mountain.

Verse 3 — Pali source

3. Kacchapā Kassapā honti, Koṇḍaññā honti makkaṭā,

Muñca Kassapa Koṇḍaññaṁ, kataṁ methunakaṁ tayā ti.

Verse 3 — English

The Kassapas are turtles, and the Koṇḍaññas are monkeys, Kassapa, free up Koṇḍañña, from having intercourse with you.