Ja 274 — The Story about the Greedy (Crow)

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Kāyaṁ balākā sikhinī, corī laṅghipitāmahā?

Oraṁ balāke āgaccha, caṇḍo me vāyaso sakhā ti.

Verse 1 — English

Who is this crested crane, a robber, an ascending grandfather? Come out from under the basket, dear crane, fierce is the crow my friend.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Nāhaṁ balākā sikhinī, ahaṁ lolosmi vāyaso,

Akatvā vacanaṁ tuyhaṁ, passa lūnosmi āgato ti.

Verse 2 — English

I am not a crested crane, I am but a greedy crow, by not doing your command, after coming, see me being plucked.

Verse 3 — Pali source

3. Punapāpajjasī samma, sīlañ-hi tava tādisaṁ,

Na hi mānusakā bhogā subhuñjā honti pakkhinā ti.

Verse 3 — English

Again you will suffer, dear friend, such is your character, the wealth of human beings cannot be enjoyed by birds.