Ja 49 — The Story about the Constellations

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Nakkhattaṁ patimānentaṁ attho bālaṁ upaccagā,

Attho atthassa nakkhattaṁ, kiṁ karissanti tārakā ti?

Verse 1 — English

While waiting on his lucky stars, benefit passes the fool by, benefit is benefit’s lucky star, what can the stars achieve?