Ja 69 — The Story about the Poisonous Snake

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Dhi-r-atthu taṁ visaṁ vantaṁ, yam-ahaṁ jīvitakāraṇā

Vantaṁ paccāharissāmi? Mataṁ me jīvitā varan-ti.

Verse 1 — English

Cursed be that poison I emitted, even for the sake of life will I take back that vomit? Better is death for me than life.