Thag 1.16 — Thag 1:16 Belaṭṭhasīsa

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Text

Thag 1:16 Belaṭṭhasīsa

Just as a fine thoroughbred steed,

with swishing tail & mane

runs with next-to-no effort,

so my days & nights

run with next-to-no effort

now that I’ve gained a pleasure

not of the flesh.1

Note

1. See SN 36:31 and Thag 1:85.