Thag 2.32 — Thag 2:32 Sivaka

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Text

Thag 2:32 Sivaka

Inconstant little houses:

now here,

now there, again

& again,

I sought the house-builder.

Painful is birth, again

& again.

House-builder, you're seen!
You will not build a house again.
All your rafters are broken,
and your gables torn down.
Released from restriction, the mind
will
be blown out
right here.1

Note

1. Compare Dhp 153–154:

Through the round of many births I roamed
without reward,
without rest,
seeking the house-builder.
Painful is birth again
& again.
House-builder, you're seen!
You will not build a house again.
All your rafters broken,
the roof plate destroyed,
immersed what's without limits, the mind
will
diffuse
right here

Publisher references (not part of the sutta)

See also: Thag 1:57