Thag 2.37 — Sona Potiriyaputta

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Text

It's not for sleeping, the night garlanded with zodiac stars. The night, for one who knows, is for staying awake. If I were to fall from my elephant's shoulder, and a tusker trampled me, death in battle would be better for me, than that I, defeated, survive.