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Text

Thag 3:14 Gotama

While wandering on

I went to hell;

went again & again

to the world of the hungry ghosts;

stayed countless times, long,

in the pain of the animal womb;

enjoyed

the human state;
went to heaven
from time to time;
settled in the elements of form,
the elements of formlessness,
neither perception, perception-less.

Ways of taking birth
are now known:
devoid of essence,
unstable,
conditioned,
always blown along.
Knowing them
as born from my self,
mindful
I went right to peace.