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Text

Thag 6:6 Sappadāsa

Twenty five years since my going forth,

and no peace of awareness

—not a finger-snap’s worth—

attained.

Having gained no oneness of mind,

I was wracked with lust.

Wailing, with my arms upheld,

I ran amok from my dwelling—
“Or… or shall I take the knife?
What’s the use of life to me?
If I were to renounce the training,
what sort of death would I have?”

So, taking a razor,
I sat down on a bed.
And there was the razor,
placed ready to cut my own vein,
when apt attention arose in me,
the drawbacks appeared,
disenchantment stood
at an even keel:

With that, my heart was released.
See the Dhamma’s true rightness!
The three knowledges
have been attained;
the Awakened One’s bidding,
done.