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Text

Verses of the Elder Bhikkhunīs

Chapter of the Threes

Verses of the Elder Sukkā

“What are these people in Rājagaha doing?

They are like drunken nymphs,

not bothering to sit near Sukkā,

as she explains the Buddha’s teachings.

That which counters craving

is like nectar,

which the wise allow to seep in,

like rain falling on travelers.

Sukkā has such bright qualities—

she is free from passion, and has a collected mind.

She carries her last body,

having conquered Māra and his army.”

The Elder Sukkā