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Text

Many

Sambahula Sutta (SN 9:4)

On one occasion many monks were staying among the Kosalans in a forest grove. Then, at the end of the Rains, they left to go on a three-month wandering tour.

And at that time, the devatā living in that forest grove, lamenting from not seeing those monks, recited this verse:

“Today it’s as if discontent

is displayed to me,

as I see many empty seats.

They, brilliant speakers, learned:

Where have those disciples

of Gotama gone?”

When this was said, another devatā recited a verse for that devatā:

“They’ve gone to Magadha,

gone to Kosala,

& some to the land of the Vajjians.

Like deer, wandering free from ties,

the monks dwell without home.”

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See also: Sn 1:3