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With Mānadinna

The same setting. Now at that time the householder Mānadinna was sick, suffering, gravely ill. Then he addressed a man:

“Please, my man, go to Venerable Ānanda …” …

“Sir, I’m not keeping well, I’m not getting by. My pain is terrible and growing, not fading; its growing is evident, not its fading. When I experience such painful feelings I meditate observing an aspect of the body—keen, aware, and mindful, rid of covetousness and displeasure for the world. I meditate observing an aspect of feelings … mind … principles—keen, aware, and mindful, rid of covetousness and displeasure for the world. And of the five lower fetters taught by the Buddha, I don’t see any that I haven’t given up.”

“You’re fortunate, householder, so very fortunate! You have declared the fruit of non-return.”