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Verses of the Senior Monks 2.37

The Book of the Twos

Chapter Four

Soṇapoṭiriya

Night, with her garland of stars,

is not only for sleeping.

For those who know,

this night is really for waking.

Were I to fall from the back of an elephant,

trampled by the tuskers that follow,

better for me to die in battle,

than to live on in defeat.