Thig 5.1 — An Unnamed Nun (2nd)

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Verses of the Senior Nuns 5.1

The Book of the Fives

An Unnamed Nun (2nd)

In the twenty-five years
since I went forth,
I have not found peace of mind,
even as long as a finger-snap.
Failing to find peace of heart,
festering with sensual desire,
I cried with flailing arms
as I entered a dwelling.
I approached a nun
in whom I had faith.
She taught me the Dhamma:
the aggregates, sense fields, and elements.
When I heard her teaching,
I retired to a discreet place.
I know my past lives;
my clairvoyance is purified;
I encompass the minds of others;
my clairaudience is purified;
I've realized the psychic powers,
and attained the ending of defilements.

I have realized the six kinds of direct knowledge,

and fulfilled the Buddha’s instructions.