SN 1.3 — Led On

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Led On

At Sāvatthī.

Standing to one side, that deity spoke this verse in the Buddha’s presence:

“This life, so very short, is led onward.

One led on to old age has no shelter.

Seeing this peril in death,

do good deeds that bring you joy.”

“This life, so very short, is led onward.

One led on to old age has no shelter.

Seeing this peril in death,

a seeker of peace would drop the world’s bait.”