SN 1.6 — Awake

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Awake

At Sāvatthī.

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

“How many sleep among the waking?

How many wake among the sleeping?

By how many do you gather dust?

By how many are you cleansed?”

“Five sleep among the waking.

Five wake among the sleeping.

By five you gather dust.

By five you’re cleansed.”