SN 1.66 — Beaten Down

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7. Overcome

Beaten Down

“By what is the world beaten down?

By what is it surrounded?

What dart has laid it low?

With what is it always fuming?”

“The world is beaten down by death.

It’s surrounded by old age.

The dart of craving has laid it low.

It’s always fuming with desire.”