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“What’s the best of things that rise?

And what’s the finest thing to fall?

And what of the things that go forth?

And who’s the finest speaker?”

“A seed’s the best of things that rise.

Rain’s the finest thing to fall.

Cattle, of things that go forth.

And a child is the finest speaker.”

“Knowledge is best of things that rise.

Ignorance the finest thing to fall.

The Saṅgha, of things that go forth.

And the Buddha is the finest speaker.”