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At one time the Buddha was staying near Rājagaha in the Bamboo Grove, the squirrels' feeding ground.

Now, at that time the nun Sukkā was teaching Dhamma, surrounded by a large assembly. Then a native spirit was so devoted to Sukkā that he went from street to street and from square to square, and on that occasion recited these verses:

"What's up with these people in Rājagaha?

They sleep like they've been drinking mead!

They don't attend on Sukkā

as she's teaching the state free of death.

But the wise—

it's as if they drink it up,

so irresistible, delectable, and nutritious,

like travelers enjoying a cool cloud."