

Exploring the Ancient Path in the Buddha's Own Words

Lesson 3.4.1 Pupphavaggo Words like those of a Flower



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<i>Yathāpi ruciraṃ pupphaṃ, vaṇṇavantaṃ agandhakaṃ,</i>	Just like a beautiful flower that is pleasant to look at but is without any smell,
<i>Evaṃ subhāsītā vācā, aphalā hoti akubbato.</i>	In the same way pleasant speech will bear no fruit if one does not act accordingly.
<i>Yathāpi ruciraṃ pupphaṃ, vaṇṇavantaṃ sugandhakaṃ.</i>	Just like a beautiful flower, pleasant to look and endowed with smell.
<i>Evaṃ subhāsītā vācā, saphalā hoti kubbato.</i>	In the same way, pleasant speech will bear fruit if one acts accordingly.
<i>Yathāpi puppharāsimhā, kayirā mālāguṇe bahū,</i>	Just as a heap of flowers could produce many garlands of flowers,
<i>Evaṃ jātena maccena, kattabbaṃ kusalaṃ bahuṃ.</i>	Anyone born as a mortal should perform many wholesome deeds.