

Pāli Verses

Aniccā vata sakhārā uppāda-vaya-dhammino
Uppajjitvā nirujjhanti tesam vūpasamo sukho

*Impermanent are all conditioned things, their nature is to rise and fall.
Having arisen, all things must end; their stilling brings true happiness.*

(DN 16)

Sabba-pāpassa akaranam kusalassupa-sampadā
Sacitta-pariyo-dapanam etam buddhāna-sāsanam

*Doing no evil, engaging in what's skillful,
And purifying one's mind: this is the teaching of the Buddhas.*

(Dhp 183)

Upanīyati loko addhuvo
Atāṇo loko anabhissaro
Assako loko sabbaṃ pahāya gamanīyaṃ
Ūno loko atitto taṇhā dāso

*The world is swept away, unenduring.
There is no shelter, no one in charge.
There is no ownership, all beings die, losing everything.
It is insatiable, a slave to craving.*

(MN 82)

Aneka-jāti-samsāraṃ sandhāvissaṃ anibbisaṃ
Gaha-kāraṃ gavesanto
Dukkhā jāti punappunaṃ
Gaha-kāraka diṭṭho'si puna gehaṃ na kāhasi
Sabbā te phāsukā bhaggā gaha-kūṭaṃ visaṅkhatam
Visaṅkhāra-gataṃ cittaṃ taṇhānaṃ khayam-ajjhagā

*Through many births I have wandered on and on,
Searching for, but never finding, the builder of [this] house.
To be born again and again is suffering.
House-builder, you are seen! You will not build a house again.
All the rafters are broken, the ridgepole destroyed;
The mind, gone to the Unconstructed, has reached the end of craving!*

(Dhp 153-54)