

**Yathā daṇḍena gopālo,
Gāvo pāceti gocaraṃ,
Evaṃ jarā ca maccū ca,
Āyuṃ pācenti pāṇinaṃ.**

(Dhp. V. 135)

Like a cowherd, with his goad, drives the cattle to the pasture ground, so decay and death lead an individual's life-span (to its end).