

KN 9.36: Somā Therīgāthā  
*Verses of the Senior Bhikkhunī Somā*  
Translated by Bhante Suddhāso

[Māra:]

“That which is to be reached by sages,  
That condition which is so hard to produce,  
Cannot be attained by a woman  
With her limited wisdom.”

[Somā:]

“What difference does being a woman make  
When the mind is well-concentrated,  
Following the course of knowing,  
Correctly and insightfully seeing the Dhamma?

Everywhere delight has been destroyed;  
The mass of darkness has been split asunder,  
Know this, Evil One -  
You have been brought down, Ender!”