



Mose's Exit Sutta *

] consider the dignities of kings and lords...

Stop this world.

Let me off.

There's just too many pigs in the
same trough.

...as a particle of dust that floats in the sunbeam.

There's too many buzzards sitting
on the fence.

Stop this world, it's not
making sense.

] consider the treasure of precious metals and stones...

Stop this show.

Hold the phone.

Better days this
lad has known;

...as bricks and pebbles

better days so

long ago.

Hold the phone, won't you
stop this show.

] consider the gaudy dress of silk and brocades...

Well, it seems my little playhouse has
fallen down.

I think my little ship has
run aground.

...as a worn-out rag.

I feel like I'm in the
wrong place.

My state of mind is a
disgrace.

] consider this universe...

So, won't you
stop this game.

Deal me out.

I know too well what it's
all about.

...as small as the holila fruit.

I know too well that it
had to be.

Stop this game, you know it's
ruining me.

] consider the lake of Anavatapa...

Well, I got too smart for my
own good.

I just don't do the things I
know I should.

...as a drop of oil which one smears the feet.

There's bound to be some better way.

I just got one thing more to say; and that is:

] consider Nirvana as awakening from a day dream

or nightmare.

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