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This discourse is found in the Samyuttanikaya, Mahavagga, Saccasamyutta — the Great Chapter of the Book of Kindred Sayings, in the collection of sayings on the Truths.

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The Suttanipata contains the three most popular Paritta Suttas: Metta, Mangala, and Ratana Suttas, and many other important Suttas, such as the Kasabhadra Sutta, Parabhava Sutta, Vasala Sutta, Salla Sutta, and Vasettha Sutta.

5. [An Exposition of the Metta Sutta](#)

The Metta Sutta is found in the Suttanipata, vv 143-152. Often referred to as the Karaniya Metta Sutta, it was taught by the Buddha to a group of forest monks who were disturbed by tree spirits. He urged them to practise loving-kindness towards all beings. Then those spirits tolerated their presence happily.

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