Subhashita 24. Desire.

Shri Adi Shankaracharya has written some beautiful stotras. One of them is the चर्पषप्रःस्त्री स्तोत्र. One of the verses describes Man’s eternal greed:

अङ्गं गलितं, पलितं मुण्डं, दशनविहीनं जातं तुण्डम्।
वृद्धो याति गृहीत्वा दण्ड, तदपि न मुद्राति आशा पिण्डम्॥

अङ्गं The body गलितं has decayed, पलितं has greyed मुण्डं head, दशन bite विहीनं absent जातं become तुण्डम् mouth.
वृद्ध: The old man याति goes गृहीत्वा holding दण्डं stick, तदा अपि even then न does not मुद्राति let go आशा desire पिण्डम् lump/mass.

The body has decayed and the head has greyed, (The teeth have all fallen...) the mouth is incapable of biting/chewing. The old man walks holding a stick (he is incapable of walking without support.) Yet he does not let go of his desires.

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