



**H**odja bought a large sack of potatoes at the market. He put the sack over his shoulder, got on his donkey, and started to ride home. On the way, he met a friend who said "Hodja, isn't it difficult to hold the sack with one hand, and guide your donkey with the other? Why don't you just tie the sack to the donkey?"

"Oh, friend," said Hodja, "my poor donkey has a heavy load just carrying me, so I am happy to carry the sack myself."