



When Hodja's wife died, he was heartbroken and he mourned for days. His friends tried to comfort him. One of them said, "Hodja, please don't worry, my friend. We'll find a new wife for you."

Sometime later, Hodja's donkey died and he seemed to be even more unhappy. Again everyone tried to comfort him, but it did no good. His sadness only increased. Finally, one of them said, "Hodja, why are you so sad?"

Hodja responded to him like this: "My friend, when my wife died, everyone promised to find another wife for me, but now that my donkey has died, nobody has offered to get me another donkey."