

## JACK AND THE ROBBERS

Once there was a boy named Jack and he went out to *seek his fortune*.

Jack went along...

and he went along... and he went along... till he met a *cat*.

The cat said "MEOW ... MEOW ... MEOW...  
Where are you *going Jack?*"

"I'm off to seek *my fortune*," said Jack.

"Can I go with you?"

"CERTAINLY!" said Jack.

"COME ALONG!"

And off they went.

jigglety-jolt ... jigglety-jolt ... jigglety-jolt...

Till they met a *dog*.

The dog said, "WOOF ... WOOOF ... WOOOF...  
Where are you *going Jack?*"

"I'm off to seek *my fortune*," said Jack.

"Can I go with you?"

"CERTAINLY!" said Jack.

"COME ALONG!"

And off they went.

jigglety-jolt ... jigglety-jolt ... jigglety-jolt...

Till they met a *goat*.

The goat said, "BAAA... BAAA ... BAAA...  
Where are you *got'ng Jack?*"

"I'm off to seek *my fortune*," said Jack.

"Can I go with you?"

"CERTAINLY!" said Jack.

"COME ALONG!"

And off they went.

jigglety-jolt ... jigglety-jolt ... jigglety-jolt...

Till they met a *bull*.

The bull said "BAAWWWL ... BAAWWWL

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Where are you *going Jack?*"

"I'm off to seek *my fortune*," said Jack.

"Can I go with you?"

"CERTAINLY!" said Jack.

"COME ALONG!"

And off they went.

jigglety-jolt ... jigglety-jolt ... jigglety-jolt...

Till they met a *cock*.

The cock said, "COCK-A-DOODLE-DOOOO...

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Where are you *going Jack?*"

"I'm off to seek *my fortune*," said Jack.

"Can I go with you?"

"CERTAINLY!" said Jack.

"COME ALONG!"

And off they ... went.

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Jigglety-jolt ..... jigglety-jolt.....jigglety-jolt

...UP the hill ... and DOWN the hill and THROUGH the valley... ... UP the hill ... and  
DOWN the hill  
and THROUGH the valley...

... UP the hill ... and DOWN the hill... and THROUGH the valley... till it came down  
*dark.*

"Where shall we *sleep?*" said the animals.

"Leave that to *me,* said Jack.

On the hill Jack saw a house.  
Jack climbed the hill and *spied* in the window. Jack saw *three robbers* sitting there  
counting out their *gold.*

"*My fortune is made,*" said Jack.

Jack called the animals.

"Here's what we'll do."

Jack put the bull by the window. Jack put the goat on the bull's back. Jack put the dog  
on the goat's back. Jack put the cat on the dog's back. Jack put the cock on the cat's  
back.

When they were all ready Jack said:

"When I give the signal ...  
you all make the MOST FEROCIOUS noise you know how to make!"

When Jack gave the signal

the bull began to "baawwlll..." the goat began to "baaaa..." the dog began to "woofff..."  
the cat began to "meow..." and the cock began to cry

"COCK-A-DOODLE-DOOOO..."

Such a NOISE!

The three robbers were *terrified!*

They looked out the window and they saw an *animal*  
that was

part BULL-part GOAT-part DOG-part CAT- and  
part COCK!

It was TERRIFYING!

The robbers threw their money in the air.  
They ran *out* the-door and down the hill  
and they never came *back*.

Jack and the animals went into the house and counted out the gold.  
There was a bag of gold for everyone.

There was a bag for the bull, a bag for the goat,  
a bag for the dog,  
· bag for the cat,  
a bag for the cock,  
*and Jack* had the biggest bag of all.

So next morning off they went back home the way they had come.

jigglety-jolt ... jigglety-jolt ... jigglety-jolt...  
    UP the hill ... and DOWN the hill and THROUGH the valley...  
... UP the hill ... and DOWN the hill and THROUGH the valley...  
... UP the hill ... and DOWN the hill and THROUGH the valley...  
jigglety-jolt ... jigglety-jolt ... jigglety-jolt... Till they came home RICH.

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