

The Bremen Town Musicians (Adapted for Recitation)

A donkey had worked hard for many years. As he grew old, his master decided that he was no longer useful. The donkey became sad, but he did not give up. He decided to travel to Bremen and become a musician.

On the way, he met a dog. The dog was tired because he was too old to hunt.

“Come with me to Bremen,” said the donkey. “We can become musicians together.”

The dog agreed.

Later, they met a cat. The cat was worried because she was too old to catch mice.

“Join us,” said the donkey. “Together we can make music.”

The cat happily agreed.

Soon they met a rooster. The rooster was frightened because he had heard that he would soon be taken away from the farm.

“Come with us,” said the others. “You can sing for our band.”

The rooster joined them.

That night, the four friends found a house in the forest. Inside, robbers were eating and enjoying themselves. The animals were hungry. They made a plan.

The donkey stood by the window. The dog climbed onto the donkey. The cat climbed onto the dog, and the rooster sat on top.

Then they began to sing. The donkey brayed, the dog barked, the cat meowed, and the rooster crowed. The noise was so loud that the robbers became terrified. They ran away into the forest.

The animals entered the house and enjoyed a wonderful meal. They were warm, safe, and happy. The robbers later returned, but they were frightened again by the animals and ran away forever.

The four friends decided to stay in the house. They never reached Bremen, but they found something even better—a home, friendship, and happiness.