

THE MISER IN THE BUSH

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Servant	Policeman
Farmer	Judge
Dwarf	People
Miser	Hangman

An old farmer sits counting his money.  
 Ninehundredninetyseven,  
 Ninehundredninetyeight,  
 Hinehundredninety-nine..... When he hears his servant coming,  
 he quickly hides his money.

Servant: For three years I have carried this spade  
 And for three years I have had to wait  
 I cleaned the stables  
 I fed the pigs  
 And for your round belly I saved the honey  
 And now I want my money.

Farmer: Never been paid?  
 Three years to wait?  
 O mighty Lord be my witness  
 Why am I punished with such unthankfulness?  
 How much do you ask?  
 For your unworthy task.

Servant: Six....eight....mine  
 How much is going to be mine?  
 Seven....five....four  
 Or should I ask for more  
 One....two....three....

Farmer: That's what it is going to be:  
 I pay you a penny for every year  
 A price like that I think is fair.

This is all that I did own  
 My heart is sad  
 Now leave me alone.

Servant: Surely will I  
 A rich man am I  
 I will leave this house  
 Goodbye to you my noble payer  
 I will think of you when I say my prayer.

Servant goes into the world and enjoys nature.

Dwarf: Why are you having so much fun?  
 Tell me so, there is no need to run.

Servant: I am as happy as happy could be  
Because I am rich  
And for all the beauty that I see.

Dwarf: Is there something you could spare  
Give it to me young man fair.

Servant: There goes my payment for years of work  
Goodbye (3x)  
A poor man am I  
I will look after the goose.

Dwarf: Now you are rich!  
For I grant you a wish  
Not one or two but three  
You are rich young man  
Don't you see?

Servant: First!  
I will have a bow that brings down all I shoot at  
A tasty rabbit, or a pheasant nice and fat.  
Secondly:  
I want a fiddle that makes everyone dance and gay  
..... as long as I play.  
Thirdly:  
I would like that everyone should grant what I ask  
However strange the task.

Dwarf: Your wishes have come true  
Ant now it's time to say goodbye to you.

The servant sees a man who is looking intensely at a tree.

Servant: What are you looking at?

Miser: Oh, at that bird so beautiful  
Bring it down to me  
And I will pay you plentiful.

Servant: With this bow and I will shoot well  
The bird will be yours  
That I can tell.

The servant shoots down the bird, the miser tries to run away.

Servant: I will play you a song  
And you will dance as long  
As you forget to pay.

Miser: Please leave the fiddle alone  
I will be torn to the bone!

Servant: I will stop playing  
When you start paying.

Miser: I will pay you five!

Servant: That is not enough to save your life!

Miser: I will pay you ten!

Servant: Much more, you big fat hen!

Miser: Hundred I will give to you.

Servant: I will stop playing  
This will do.

The servant walks away.

Miser: I will take my revenge  
I will bring you before the bench!

Miser: I have been robbed by a man so low  
He carries a fiddle and arrow and bow.

Policeman: I believe I have seen this man  
I will bring him to court  
As fast as I can.

The servant is arrested and is brought to the scaffold in  
the market place.

Judge: You have stolen and therefore you will hang  
You may say your last words now young man.

Servant: My request is not long  
Please let me play  
One last song.

Miser: Stop him from playing  
Listen to what I am saying!

Judge: This request I cannot refuse  
There is no other answer that I can choose.

All start dancing.....

All: Stop playing  
You will make us mad  
Stop playing  
You will play us dead!

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Servant: Release me quick  
Or I will play you sick!

Judge: You are free to go  
That I know!

Servant: And you old miser  
Make everyone know  
That you were lying  
Before I go.

Miser nods.

Servant: That miser should hang  
He has robbed many a man!

Judge: It will be done as you say  
Now stop playing I pray!

The servant stops playing.  
The miser is hung, which is the end of the play.

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