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The Hill Between Nasreddin Hoca's Singing and Crying

One day Nasreddin Hoca's donkey was missing, and he went here and there looking for it. As he went about searching for his donkey, he sang a folk song. One of his neighbors observed looking about and asked him, "Hoca, what are you doing?"

"I lost my donkey and I am now looking for it."

"Losing your donkey could be a very serious matter. Why are you singing?"

"Well, neighbor, I have a feeling that my donkey is safe on the other side of yonder hill. If it is not there, then you listen to me cry!"