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Once there was a fellow who did very silly things. Everyone called him 'Foolish Jim'.

In the morning, he often put on his nightshirt and slippers and went to work.



At night, he often put on his coat and hat and went to bed.



He had a sheepdog to round up the sheep.

The sheepdog sat in the field and Jim chased the sheep.



At night, Jim put the chickens in the big horse yard.

Then he put the horse into the little chicken house.



The king heard about Foolish Jim and asked to see him.

“Can you answer riddles?” asked the king.

“Yes,” said Jim.



“If you can answer this riddle you can marry my daughter,” laughed the king. He didn’t think Foolish Jim could answer it.

“I’d like that,” said Jim.

