

The Fox and the Crow



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Master Crow sat on a tree,
Holding a cheese in his beak.
Master Fox was attracted by the odour,
And tried to attract him thus.



“Mister Crow, good day to you.
You are a handsome looking bird!
In truth, if your song is as beautiful as your plumage,
You are the Phoenix of this forest.”



Hearing these words the crow felt great joy,
And to demonstrate his beautiful voice,
He opened his mouth wide and let drop his prey.



The fox seized it and said: “My good Sir,
Know that every flatterer,
Lives at the expense of those who take him
seriously:
This is a lesson that is worth a cheese no doubt.”



The crow, embarrassed and confused,
Swore, though somewhat later,
That he would never be tricked again.





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