



Musical Donkey

Instructive Stories from teachings of

Pancha-Tantra

Once in a village there lived a washerman with his donkey



One night when the donkey was returning home he met his fox friend and they talked each other for a long time.





Oh my friend what can I say I am tired of eating grass and leaves everyday



Aha, then let us go to the near by cucumber field and relish a tasty meal.

*And Both of them went to
cucumber field and ate till their
stomachs were full.*



Oh, my friend, it was so nice, I am feeling very happy. It is such a lovely night and the breeze is so soft. I feel like singing a melodious song.





What ? Are you in your senses ? You should do everything at the right time. Your singing will put us in trouble.



If you sing then the owner of this farm will wake up and we will be beaten up nicely and your voice is also not so good



I know you are jealous of me. You cannot appreciate good music. Whatever you say I don't care. I am going to sing anyway.



But you don't understand singing, you only know how to shout & bray. Let me first get out of this field otherwise along with you even I will be beaten.

You say I don't understand music? There are four 'Swars', fifty types of 'Tal', thirty-six 'Ragas' and forty 'Bhavas' in music. Just tell me which 'Raga' I should sing now.



The fox then ran over to safe distance & watched donkey singing



Hearing the loud noise of the donkey, the farmer came with a stick and caught hold of the donkey's ears and beat him.





Well friend, I advised you not to sing and you went on singing. You received a great reward for your singing performance.

MORAL :

We should always listen to good advice.