Jack and the Robbers

One day, Jack woke up.

He was hungry
But the cupboard was empty,
the fridge was empty
and even his pockets were empty -

he had nothing.

So he set out to find something to eat, even a little crust would do ...

and he walked and he walked and he walked until he came to a bridge where he met Mr Cat.

"Where are you going?" purred Mr Cat.
"I'm going to find something to eat even a little crust would do," said Jack.
"Then I'll come too," purred the cat
and the two of them

walked and they walked and they walked until they came to hill

where they met Mr Dog.

"Where are you going?" barked Mr Dog. "I'm going to find something to eat -

even a little crust would do," said Jack.
"Then I'll come too," barked the dog
and the three of them

walked and they walked and they walked until they came to pond

where they met Mr Duck.

"Where are you going?" quacked Mr Duck.
"I'm going to find something to eat even a little crust would do," said Jack.
"Then I'll come too," quacked the duck
and the four of them

walked and they walked and they walked until they came to forest

where they met Mr Donkey.

"Where are you going?" brayed Mr Donkey.
"I'm going to find something to eat,
even a little crust would do," said Jack.
"Then I'll come too," brayed the donkey
and the five of them

walked and they walked and they walked until they came to cottage in the middle of the forest.

Inside the cottage,

They could see not one, not two but three robbers counting out their gold.

So Jack asked
the dog to stand
on the donkey
and the duck to stand
on the dog
and the cat to stand
on the duck ...

and then - Jack knocked at the door.

When the robbers looked out, they saw a giant that had a cat's head, a duck's wings a dog's body and the legs of a donkey

and, what was worse, at that very moment -

the cat screeched and the dog barked and the duck quacked and the donkey brayed As loudly as they could!!!

The robbers were so scared

that they ran and they ran and they ran as fast as they could through the deep, dark wood

and Jack took the gold to buy some food to feed the cat, to feed the dog, to feed the duck and feed the donkey all before he fed himself.

Yum, yum, yum A big fat tum.

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