Once upon a time there was a man who had a donkey. The donkey had worked hard for years and years carrying heavy sacks of corn to the mill to be ground into flour. But now he was getting old, so the man decided that he didn’t want him anymore and sent him on his way. The poor old donkey began to walk down the road.

Hee-haw!

**Song 1. HEE-HAW**

1 What can I do? Clip, clop.
   Where can I go? Clip, clop.
   Nobody wants me anymore
   So off down the road I go.
   Hee-haw.

2 All on my own, clip, clop.
   If only I’d known, clip, clop.
   I’m not needed, that’s for sure,
   So off down the road I go.
   Hee-haw.

3 What can I do? Clip, clop.
   Where can I go? Clip, clop.
   Nobody wants me anymore
   So off down the road I go.
   Hee-haw, hee-haw, hee-haw, hee-haw.

After much thought, the donkey decided that he would like to become a musician. So he set off to the city of Bremen to earn his living as a singer. After a while, the donkey saw a tired old dog lying by the side of the road.

Woof!

Hello old dog, what’s the matter?

My master doesn’t want me, I’m too old.
DONKEY Come with me and be a musician.

NARRATOR So the donkey and the dog set off together on the road to Bremen. They had not been walking for long when they saw a cat curled up on the side of the road. Nobody wanted the poor old cat anymore because she was too old to catch mice.

CAT Meow!

DONKEY Hello old cat, what’s the matter?

CAT Nobody wants me, I’m too old.

DONKEY Come with us and be a musician.

NARRATOR So the donkey, the dog and the cat set off together on the road to Bremen. Some time later they came to a farm. There was a loud noise coming from the farmyard.

COCKEREL Cock-a-doodle-doo!

NARRATOR An old cockerel was crowing very loudly.

DONKEY Hello old cockerel, what’s the matter?

COCKEREL Cock-a-doodle-doo, what am I to do? The farmer’s going to put me into a stew!

Song 2. OH, COCK-A-DOODLE!

1 Cock-a-doodle-doo, what can he do? The farmer’s going to put him into a stew. Cock-a-doodle-doo, what can he do? Oh, cock-a-doodle, cock-a-doodle-doo!

2 Cock-a-doodle-doo, can it be true? The poor old rooster didn’t have a clue. Cock-a-doodle-doo, can it be true? Oh, cock-a-doodle, cock-a-doodle-doo!

3 Repeat verse 1 Oh, cock-a-doodle, cock-a-doodle-doo!

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DONKEY  Come with us and be a musician.

NARRATOR  So the donkey, the dog, the cat and the cockerel became good friends and they all set off together on the road to Bremen. Soon they came to a forest. It was getting dark and they felt tired and hungry. In the distance they could see a light coming from a house. As they got nearer, they could see through a window, and sitting at the table were some robbers eating a wonderful feast.

Song 3. THE ROBBERS SAT DOWN TO TEA

1 Deep down far away in the woods,
   Underneath the trees a little house stood.
   And the robbers, the robbers sat down to tea,
   The robbers, the robbers sat down to tea.

2 The big clock in the hall began to chime,
   And on the table lay a feast so fine.
   And the robbers, the robbers sat down to tea
   The robbers, the robbers sat down to tea.

3 The food looked tasty in the candlelight,
   A feast fit for a king, what a lovely sight.
   And the robbers, the robbers sat down to tea,
   The robbers, the robbers sat down to tea.

4 Repeat verse 1

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NARRATOR  The four friends were very excited.

ALL FOUR  Food!

NARRATOR  They thought for a while. How could they frighten the robbers away? Then the donkey had a good idea.

DONKEY  Let’s sing really loudly!
1 We’re the musicians of Bremen,
   Music we will bring,
   We are fine musicians,
   Come and hear us sing.

   **CHORUS**
   Hee-haw, hee-haw, hee-haw,
   Woof, woof, woof, woof, woof, woof,
   Meow, meow, meow,
   Cock-a-doodle-doo!

2 We’re the musicians of Bremen,
   Here to sing for you,
   We can sing so sweetly,
   You can join in too.

   **CHORUS**

3 Repeat verse 1

   **CHORUS x2**

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**NARRATOR** The robbers had never heard such a terrible noise before. Then the four animals burst in through the window. The robbers were so frightened that they jumped up and ran out of the house and into the forest.

**ROBBERS 1/2** Ghosts!

**ROBBERS 3/4** Run!

**NARRATOR** The donkey, the dog, the cat and the cockerel ate and ate and ate until they were very full. Then they turned off the light, lay down and went to sleep. At midnight, the leader of the robbers ordered one of the other robbers to go back to the house.

**ROBBER 1** Go and have a look.

**ROBBER 2** OK, I’m not frightened.
NARRATOR The robber walked slowly up to the house, opened the door and crept in quietly. He could see the bright eyes of the cat. He thought that they were the coals still glowing in the fire, so he decided to light his candle with them. He held the candle towards the cat and the cat leapt up with a loud hiss. She flew at the robber and scratched him.

CAT Hisssssss!

ROBBER 2 Ow!

NARRATOR The robber was very frightened. He ran to the door, but fell over the dog. The dog sprang up and bit him hard on the leg.

DOG Grrrrr!

ROBBER 2 Ow!

NARRATOR The robber tried to run across the yard, but the donkey gave him a sharp kick.

DONKEY Hee-haw!

ROBBER 2 Ow!

NARRATOR All the noise woke up the cockerel who came flying down, crowing as loudly as he could.

COCKEREL Cock-a-doodle-doo!

ROBBER 2 Aargh!

NARRATOR The terrified robber ran back to his friends as fast as he could.

ROBBERS What happened?

ROBBER 2 A witch scratched me, a man stabbed me, a monster hit me and a judge shouted at me!

NARRATOR This made all the robbers very frightened too.

ROBBER 1 Run!

ROBBER 2 Run!
ROBBER 3  Run!
ROBBER 4  RUN!!
NARRATOR  The donkey, the dog, the cat and the cockerel thought it was all very funny as they watched the robbers run off through the forest. The robbers never went back to the house again and the four friends never did get to Bremen because they decided to stay in the lovely house. Every day they sang and sang and were happy ever after.

Repeat Song 4
WE’RE THE MUSICIANS OF BREMEN

THE END