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The Hoodie-crow

Once there lived a farmer who had three daughters, and good useful girls they were, up with the sun, and doing all the work of the house. One morning they all ran down to the river to wash their clothes, when a hoodie came round and sat on a tree close by.

'Will you wed me, farmer's daughter?' he said to the eldest.

'Indeed I won't wed you,' she answered, 'an ugly brute is the hoodie.' And the bird, much offended, spread his wings and flew away. But the following day he came back again, and said to the second girl:

'Will you wed me, farmer's daughter?'

'Indeed I will not,' answered she, 'an ugly brute is the hoodie.' And the hoodie was more angry than before, and went away in a rage. However, after a night's rest he was in a better temper, and thought that he might be more lucky the third time, so back he went to the old place.

'Will you wed me, farmer's daughter?' he said to the youngest.

'Indeed I will wed you; a pretty creature is the hoodie,' answered she, and on the morrow they were married.

'I have something to ask you,' said the hoodie when they were far away in his own house. 'Would you

rather I should be a hoodie by day and a man by night,
or a man by day and a hoodie by night?

