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Text

Verse 1

A villain received a water jar that gave all that was desired, as long as he protected it, that far his happiness flourished.

Verse 2

When, intoxicated and wanton, from heedlessness he broke the jar, then, being naked and poor, the fool afterwards suffered hardship.

Verse 3

So he who, having received wealth, being heedless makes use of it, later that stupid one suffers, like the villain who broke the pot.