Ja 38 — The Story about the Crane

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Text

Verse 1

The clever cheat cannot attain final happiness through cheating, the clever cheat gets a like return, just like the crane with the crab.