

HOPE

A thief is sentenced to die by the king. He begs the king to delay his execution for one year during which time he will teach the king's horse how to sing. Intrigued by the proposal, the king obliged. Daily, the horse was brought to the thief's prison cell. Every day the thief said to himself, "Anything can happen in a years time: The king may die; the prison can burn down; the horse may get sick; my crime may be pardoned. Who knows? Perhaps the horse will learn how to sing!"