



The Generous Female Sheep

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She was a very generous sheep. Do you know what it means to be generous? It is to enjoy giving, giving for the pleasure of it.

Well, this sheep was very, very generous. She gave wool.

She gave wool whenever somebody asked her for some.

And old lady came and asked her for a wool shawl for winter time. The sheep gave it to her.

A little girl came and asked her for a wool cap to go to school. The sheep gave it to her.

A boy came and asked her for a wool scarf to go to the football match. The sheep gave it to him.

A lady came and asked for a pair of wool socks to wear at home. The sheep gave it to her.

«Eh, sheep! Don't you think you're being extravagant? Shawls, caps, scarves, socks... you only give, give... »

«Don't you worry about it» answered the sheep. «Didn't you learn at school, that cows give milk and sheep give wool? That's what I've been doing. »

Tired out, Mrs Carrol came:

«I would only like to have a small ball of wool to make a sack for my hot-water bottle. Can you spare some, please? »

Sure she could. The sheep never got tired of giving.

Very worried, Miss Fitch came:

«All I want is a little ball of wool to make an oven wit to use in my kitchen. Is there enough? »

Of course there was. The sheep never got tired of giving.

Completely at a loss, Miss Alden came:

«All I want is a little ball of wool to finish a blanket. Is there enough? »

Of course there was. The sheep never got tired of giving.

She gave it for waistcoats, sweaters, collars, little collars, gloves... it was a wonder for everybody that she never ran out of wool.

The sheep smiled and calmed us down:

«I will not. I never will. Do you know that saying: "Giving is receiving"? That's what I've been doing.»

And the generous sheep went to help a grandmother, who needed wool to make a coat for a baby, her first grandson who would soon be born...