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A Real Super Hero

One cold, rainy Saturday in British Columbia, Canada a man sat in the front seat of a bus all alone. He wore clothes that were old and worn. The bottom of his left pant leg was badly stained and dirty. His other pant leg revealed a visible hole. Beneath the man's tattered pants rested his shoeless feet. Only plastic covered each foot.

Suddenly a man stepped up onto the bus. He wore a long, white thobe that reached above his ankles. Black pants with a white side strip shown beneath the thobe. The man wore a black knitted beanie and warm black jacket. His black beard was long and thick.

The bearded man slid into a seat near the untidy man. He glanced down at the man's feet with no shoes. The bearded man's heart felt sad. The bearded man reached down and slid off his own shoes. Then he removed his own warm socks. He quietly slid the shoes and socks over to the shoeless man. Then he said to the man in a quiet voice, "You can take these, don't worry about me - I live close by and can walk." Then the bearded man stepped off the bus with his bare feet and walked up the cold wet sidewalk.

The Kind King

You know Muslims are supposed to give charity—right? But did you hear about the West African King named Mansa Musa who lived 700 years ago? Some say he was the richest man who ever lived.

It has been said that Mansa Musa was very religious. He spoke Arabic, and he was the first West African king to travel the nearly 4,000-mile trip across Africa to make Hajj in Mecca.

Mansa Musa was known for being very charitable. On his way across the deserts of Africa, he passed out money to the poor. He donated to charities; he shared his money with leaders of other countries. In Egypt, Mansa Musa gave away so much gold that it took ten years for the country's economy to return to normal. Now *that's* being charitable!



And whatever you spend in charity, Allah knows it . . ." (Quran 2:270)



"Give to the near of kin his due, and also to the needy and the wayfarers. . ." (Quran 17: 26)