

Yesterday's Mules

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Yesterday's mules were sturdy and strong
The days in the fields were often quite long.
The men with the whips would even the score
With a jolt to the head by a stout two-by-four

“Understanding,” a word not common for slaves
Caused many good mules to go to their graves
“Stubborn and cranky are mules,” said most men
Who used and abused them when kicked or bitten.

When industry triumphed, the mules quickly faded
But the tales remained and were often quite jaded.
T’was never the man with the stout two-by-four
Who was wrong from the start to push mules too far.

But the ignorant folks knew only what’s said
And since mules couldn’t talk, any good thoughts were dead.
They’re known to be pushy, vengeful and cross
So man abandoned the mule for his exquisite horse.

With more time for leisure the mules of today
Are treated much better and perform just that way!
The love and affection the mules can now give
Makes mule-raising and training a warm way to live.

To meet them and greet them, to own one or not,
The mules of today exhibit just what they've got.
We've banned the "Old Wives Tales" and made a new rule
If you're not too stubborn, why not ride a mule!

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