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A jazz drummer, who was between gigs and needed money to live, decided to hire himself out as a handyman. He went to the front door of a house in a wealthy neighborhood and asked the owner if he had any jobs that needed to be done.

"Well, you can paint my porch. How much will you charge?" answered the homeowner.

After a minute, the drummer told him, "If you supply the paint, how about 50 bucks?" The man agreed and showed him the paint and ladders in the garage.

The man's wife, inside the house, heard the conversation and said to her husband, "Doesn't he realize that the porch goes all the way around the house?"

The man replied, "He should. He was standing on the porch."

An hour or so later, the tired drummer came to the door to collect the money. "You're finished already?" ask the homeowner.

"Yes," said the drummer, "and I had paint left over, so I gave it two coats." Impressed, the man reached in his pocket for the \$50.

"By the way," the drummer added, "didn't you know? That's not a Porch, it's a Ferrari."

One day, an arctic traveler played a recorded song by one of the most famous European composers to an Eskimo singer. The singer smiled somewhat haughtily and said, "Many, many notes, but no better music."

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