Mercury and the Woodcutter

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The woodcutter lost his old, black axe. It fell into the water.
Mercury dived into the water.
Mercury found a golden axe.
‘Is this your axe?’
‘No,’ said the woodcutter.
Mercury found a silver axe. ‘Is this your axe?’ ‘No,’ said the woodcutter.
Mercury found the old, black axe.
‘Is this your axe?’
‘Yes!’ said the woodcutter.
The woodcutter was a good man.
Mercury gave him all three axes.
You should tell the truth.