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One summer day, a Grasshopper was hopping about in a field, playing and singing. An Ant, who was working very hard passed by, with an ear of corn he was taking to his nest. "Why not come and play with me," said the Grasshopper, "instead of working so hard under the hot sun?"

"I am helping to store food for the winter," said the Ant, "and you should do the same."

"Why think about winter now?" said the Grasshopper; “we have plenty of food." But the Ant went on his way and kept on with his work. When the winter came, the Grasshopper had no food and was hungry. The Grasshopper watched every day while the Ant ate corn and grain from the collection he had worked on all summer.

Two men were traveling together, when a Bear suddenly met them on the path. One of the men climbed quickly into a tree and hid in the branches. The other man knew he would be attacked. So, he fell flat on the ground. The Bear came up and pushed him with his snout and smelled him. The man held his breath and pretended to be dead. The Bear soon left him, because Bears will not touch a dead body. After the Bear was gone, the Traveler from the tree got down and asked his friend what the Bear had whispered in his ear. "He gave me this advice," his companion replied. "Never travel with a friend who deserts you at the approach of danger."

The Hare was once bragging of his speed to the other animals. "I have never been beaten," said he. "I challenge anyone here to race with me."

The Tortoise said quietly, "I accept your challenge."

"That is a good joke," said the Hare; "I could dance around you all the way."

"Stop bragging until you've beaten me," answered the Tortoise. "Shall we race?"

They began racing. The Hare darted out of sight at once, but he soon stopped and lay down to have a nap. The Tortoise slowly kept moving on and on. When the Hare awoke from his nap, he saw the Tortoise nearing the finish line. The Hare tried, but could not catch up.

Once when a Lion was asleep, a little Mouse began running up and down on his back. This soon wakened the Lion, who put his huge paw upon the mouse, and opened his big jaws to swallow him. "Pardon me, King," cried the little Mouse: "Please forgive me this time, and I shall never forget it! One day I may be able to do you a favor?" The big Lion was so tickled at the idea of the tiny Mouse being able to help him, that he lifted his paw and let the mouse go. Some days later, the Lion got caught in a trap. The little Mouse happened to pass by, and saw the trapped Lion. The mouse went up to him and soon chewed away the ropes and set the Lion free.