



Flew Up, Up High In the Air.

Daddy's Bedtime Story

HOW THUMBELISA FLEW FAR AWAY.

[Adapted from Hans Christian Andersen.]

THE minute Jack and Evelyn finished their bread and jelly daddy began: "There was once a sick swallow who was nursed back to joy by Thumbelisa, a tiny girl. So when a stupid old mole wanted her to marry him along came her friend, the swallow, and invited her to fly away on his back.

"Tie yourself on securely with your sash," he reminded Thumbelisa. "We may go quite swiftly. We'll fly away from your ugly old mole and his dark cavern, far away over the mountains to the warm countries where the sun shines with more splendor than it does in this cornfield. It is always summer there, and there are heaps of flowers for you to pick. Come, little Thumbelisa, fly with me. Once you saved by life when I lay half dead in a dark passageway, and now I will save you."

"Oh, dear swallow," cried Thumbelisa; "now I will go with you!"

"So she sat down on the swallow's back with her tiny feet on its outspread wing. To its strongest feather she tied one end of her sash and the other around her own waist."

"Goody!" cried the children.

"Then her swallow flew up, up high in the air above the forests and lakes, high up above the biggest mountains where the snow never melts.

"Thumbelisa shivered in the cold air, but then she crept under her swallow's warm feathers. She only stuck out her small head to look at the wonderful and beautiful sights that kept flashing below her.

"So at last they reached the warm countries. The sun shone with a warmer glow there. The skies were twice as high, and the most beautiful green and blue grapes grew on all the banks and hedgerows. Oranges and lemons hung in the woods, which were fragrant with myrtle and sweet herbs, and everywhere lovely children with dark, rich skins ran about happily, chasing big, gorgeously colored butterflies."

"More fairies!" said Jack.

"Still Thumbelisa's swallow flew on, and always the country grew more and more beautiful. Under splendid green trees on the shores of the blue sea stood a dazzling white marble palace. It had been built hundreds of years ago, and vines wreathed around its old pillars. At the head of these were countless birds' nests, and Thumbelisa's swallow had its home in one of them."

Then daddy stopped, and when the children clapped for him to please not end the bedtime story he gave them two big good night hugs.

So Jack and Evelyn clapped him.

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TWO MEN

Two men toiled side by side from sun to sun

And both were poor;
Both sat with children, when the day was done,
About their door.

One saw the beautiful in crimson cloud

And shining moon;
The other with his head in sadness bowed,
Made night of noon.

One loved each tree and flower and singing bird
On mount or plain;
No music in the soul of one was stirred

By leaf or rain.
One saw the good in every fellow-man,
And hoped the best;
The other marvelled at his Master's plan,
And doubt confessed.

One having God above and Heaven below,
Was satisfied;
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