



STORY: THE TURTLE WHO COULD NOT STOP TALKING

An East Indian Fable

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- Storyteller 1: Once a turtle who lived in a muddy little pond liked to talk to everyone.
- Chorus: He talked and talked and talked and talked...
- Storyteller 2: One day, two beautiful geese came by. They asked, "How would you like to fly?" "Of course," said Turtle and
- Chorus: He talked and talked and talked and talked...
- Storyteller 3: One goose cried, "If you want to go, you must quit chattering so. Grab on to this stick with your mouth and don't let go!" "Of course," said Turtle and
- Chorus: He talked and talked and talked and talked...
- Storyteller 4: Finally, Turtle bit the stick and the geese took flight. Soon he was flying high in the sky. But down below, he saw some friends. He opened his mouth to say a few words and
- Chorus: He fell and fell and fell and fell
- Chorus: KA-THUD!
- Storyteller 5: Turtle landed on the ground and on his back. If you look at him now, you can see the cracks! He is much quieter these days. For Turtle has learned to change his ways!
- Storyteller 6: Too much talking can get you into trouble!