

The Ugly Duckling

Denmark



Storyteller 1: One Spring, a mother duck sat on her eggs and they began to hatch. Beautiful yellow chicks came out of their shells.

Storyteller 2: She saw a large egg she didn't see before. When the egg cracked, a clumsy gray bird with a long neck fell out.

Storyteller 3: The mother duck said, "What an ugly duckling!" The other chicks cried out,

Chorus: What an ugly duckling! What an ugly duckling!

Storyteller 4: The gray bird felt bad and walked to the pond. He saw some beautiful white birds on the water. He wanted to be like them.

Storyteller 5: The gray bird would come to the pond often to watch the beautiful white birds. Time passed and the gray bird grew bigger.

Storyteller 6: One day, he noticed his reflection in the water. He was no longer an ugly duckling! He turned into a beautiful white bird.

Storyteller 7: Some children saw him and came running to the pond. They cried out,

Chorus: What a beautiful swan! What a beautiful swan!

Storyteller 7: We all transform with time.