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An Island Fable
For Children's Voices

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Mouse lived at ease On the island of Where-and-

And the Elephant lived at ease On the island of Where-and-

Why.

Why. But the Elephant mourned, in his ponderous way, That he

The Mouse,

was so wide and high; on the other hand,
squeaked, and crossed his beautiful eyes, lamenting that he was very small. Each envied the other his size, each envied the other his size.
envied the other his size.

Darkly

night, when the moon, And the

was over the left
Lightly

wind.

A

was sound-ing his trump.

A

Lightly

Fair-y came forth From her home in a cleft, With a

Fair-y came forth From her home in a cleft, With a

cresc.

hop, and a skip, and a jump.

hop: and a skip, and a jump,

And
Rather slow

When lol at the morn-ing's

placed a spell on the sleep-ing pair, When lol at the morn-ing's

Rather slow

call, The Mouse, grow-ing
call, it was plain, Had been grow-ing

grow-ing

large, And the El-e-phant grow-ing
grow-ing

Ped.
Fast
danced they a jig in their green-wood bower (What
less could the Fairy expect?) And each one remarked, In

merriest mood: "We certainly are the elect."
The
change soon completed, their sizes reversed, Again they would live at their
cresc.

change soon completed, their sizes reversed, Again they would live at their

mf

ease — The Elephant dined on a thimble of hay,

mf

ease —

The

cresc.

Mouse on a cart-load of cheese, the Mouse on a cart-load of
Then danced they a jig in their cheese,
the Mouse on a cart-load of cheese,
green-wood bower (What less could the Fairy expect?) And a cart-load

each one remarked. In merriest mood: "We certainly are the

of
Grim-alkin and traps no terrors possessed
For the

For the

The

Mouse in his new disguise;

(hidden he watched a rise,

The tents of the circus, the tents of the circus, the
a - rise,
tents of the cir - cus, the
tents of the cir - cus, the

Then danced they a jig in their green - wood bower (What
less could the Fairy expect? And each one remarked, In
less could the Fairy expect? And each one remarked, In
merriest mood: "We certainly are the elect, We
merriest mood: "We certainly are the elect,
certainly are the elect, certainly
lect, certainly, certainly
lect, certainly, certainly
lect, we certainly, certainly
lect, we certainly, certainly
lect, we certainly, certainly
lect,
are, We certainly, certainly are, We
certainly, certainly are,

Sadly

But joy was short lived; sorrows gathered apace: They were

Sadly
strangers among their own kin!
They kept open house, As
strangers, they were strangers among their

good neighbors should; Yet no former companions dropped in. Their
own kin, their own kin. Their
talents were wasted in dozens of ways, Which caused them still more to be-
talents were wasted in dozens of ways, Which caused them to be-
wait: The Elephant had little use for his trunk,

wait: Mouse for his length of tail. At last, when their griefs could no

Slower

Mouse for his length of tail. At last, when their griefs could no

At last, at

Slower
long-er be borne, And they had - n't a sin - gle friend, They

last, a sin - gle friend, They

both laid them down By the pity - ing sea, Their lives and their trou - bles to

both laid down, laid down, Their lives and their trou - bles to

end, they both laid down, Their
lives and their troubles to end. A-gain the pale moon.

lives to end.

'Veezily

with Ped.

And the wind

The

o-ver the left a-sound-ing his trump,

Fair-y came forth From her home in the cleft, With a hop, and a skip, and a
Not slow

jump,

And lifting the spell from the perishing pair,

Not slow

side of the whispring wave,

She

She

bade them return Each one to his own, And be happy, and good, and

bade them return Each one to his own, And be happy, and good, and
(Moral for large children)

Boldly

Let each be himself, not

Boldly

somebody else, Nor covet what others may hold. Each

somebody else, Nor covet what others may hold. Each
one has his place, That he can best fill: Contentment is silver and 

one has his place, That he can best fill: Contentment is silver and 

rit. e dim.  p very fast and tight

gold. When fairies come forth, with the moon on the left, And the 

gold. When fairies come forth, with the moon on the left, And the 

rit. e dim.  p very fast and tight

wind is sounding his trump, Good 

wind is sounding his trump, Good
cresc.

children had better be scampering home, With a
cresc.

children had better be scampering home, With a
cresc.

hop, and a skip, and a jump!

hop, and a skip, and a jump!

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