

## **The Bubble, the Straw Blade and the Bark Shoe**

Once upon a time there lived a Bubble, and Straw Blade and a Bark Shoe. They went into the forest to chop some wood. They came to a river but didn't know how to get across it. The Bark Shoe says to the Bubble, "Dear Bubble, let us swim across it on you."

"No, Bark Shoe. It would be better if the Straw Blade stretched itself from shore to shore and we could then cross over on it."

So they persuaded the Straw Blade to stretch itself from one side to the other. The Bark Shoe walked along the Straw Blade, but the latter broke and the Shoe fell into the water. The Bubble laughed and laughed so hard that it burst, and that was the end of them all.