

Mosey Dawdle visits the Waters

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Mosey Dawdle Tortoise went a-wandering. He crawled along, bit by bit, till he came to a lake.

“O Lake, why?” asked Mosey Dawdle.

“Because of the emptiness,” said the lake.

“Oh,” said Mosey Dawdle.

He waited for more but the lake only went on laking.

On he crawled, bit by bit, until at last he came to a river.

“Why, O River, why?” asked Mosey Dawdle.

“Because of the ever-ever falling,” said the river.

“Oh,” said Mosey Dawdle.

He waited for more but the river only went on rivering.

Bit by bit Mosey Dawdle trundled on his way. Finally he came to the sea.

“Why-why-why, O Sea?” cried Mosey Dawdle. “Why?”

“Because of the fullness,” said the sea

“The fullness!” said Mosey Dawdle.

The sea waves rose and crashed. They ran upon the shore and touched Mosey Dawdle on the nose. He tasted salty sea-soup. He waited and waited but the fullness only went on filling.