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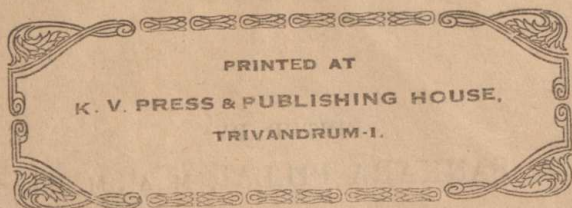
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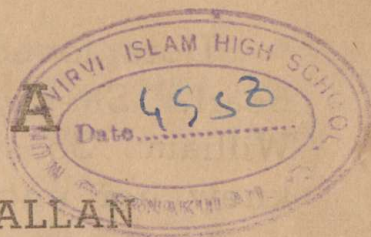
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# DORA



## 1. FARMER ALLAN

Once there lived in England an old man named Allan. He was a farmer who had a farm of his own.

He lived at the farm with his son. The young man was called William.

Allan had a niece named Dora. Her father and mother were dead. So Allan brought her up. She too lived with him at the farm.

Dora was a good and loving girl. She was also very beautiful. Old Allan loved her dearly.

"Dora is young and beautiful," said he, "and William is my only son. I wish to make them man and wife."

Dora loved William with all her heart. She was ready to marry William. So she was glad when she knew her uncle's wish.

But William did not like it. He did not love Dora. She was only a sister to him. He loved her as a sister and she could be nothing more to him. The thought of marrying her was unthinkable to him.

One day Allan called his son to him and said, "Dear William, it is time for you to get married. I wish you to marry Dora and live with me at the farm. Let it be done as early as possible."

But William would not obey his father. He answered him shortly. "I cannot marry Dora," he said, "and I will not marry her. Please don't talk to me about this again."



The old man got angry when he heard the answer. He had not thought that William would answer him that way.

"Won't you obey me?" he cried. "Know that my word is law here. Take a month. Think about it well and give me the answer I wish. If you won't marry Dora, don't come to me again."

William heard his father's words and was very angry. But he said nothing.

From that day he began to dislike Dora. He spoke harshly to her. Whenever he looked at her, he was angry. But Dora said nothing. She tried her best to please him. But he was very unkind to her.

The days went by and the time was up. At the end of the month

William had to leave the farm, for his father was firm that he must marry Dora or leave the farm.

"I will never come back to my father," said he and went away from the farm and he was as firm as his father. "I will never marry Dora," said he.

TEST:- Fill up the blanks choosing the right word from those given in brackets.

1. Allan was an old ——.   
 (merchant, farmer, teacher).
2. He had a son named ——.   
 (Tom; James, William).
3. Dora was his ——.   
 (sister, daughter, niece).
4. —— wished to make them man and wife.   
 (William, Dora, Allan)
5. Though Dora was glad to marry William, he was —— to take her to wife.   
 (willing, unwilling).



6. Allan gave him a —— time to agree.  
(day's, week's, month's).
7. At the end of the month William ——  
the farm.  
(came to, left, sold).
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## 2. WILLIAM AND MARRY

William left the farm and never went back to his father. Father and son did not see each other.

But he was very poor. So he had to work in the fields. He made his living as a workman. Often he had no work to do. But he never thought of going back to the farm and begging his father's pardon.

The days went by and willliam met a girl named Mary. She was

the daughter of a workman called Morrison.

Mary was young and beautiful. William fell in love with her. At last he made up his mind to marry Mary Morrison.

A good day was fixed for the wedding and on that day Mary became William's wife.

When Allan heard the wedding bells he was very angry.

He called Dora to his side and said, "Dear niece, I love you very much. But if you speak a word to my son or his wife, this will be your home no longer. Please don't forget this."

Dora heard the farmer's words and said to herself, "My uncle is now very angry with William. For he has married against his wishes. But I hope he will forgive his son

after some time and call him back to his farm."

Then she turned to her uncle and said, "I will obey and do as you say. I shall not speak to William or his wife."

Dora hoped that Farmer Allan would forgive his son and call him back to the farm. But it did not happen. The old man would not forgive William and did not call him back.

Meanwhile William lived happily with his wife. He was not sorry for marrying her. He had to work hard but he did it gladly.

In the next year a child was born to Mary. It was a sweet little boy. William and Mary were happy as they looked upon the sweet smiling face of their little son.



But their happiness did not last long. The times were bad. There was no rain and nothing grew in the fields. Workmen had no work to do and everyone was unhappy.

Poor William could find no work. He was very poor. He had not saved up anything. So William and Mary felt miserable and helpless.

For many days they had nothing to eat. William looked at his little son and said, "Poor boy, how can he live without food? What am I to do?"

Mary was also very unhappy. She too had very little to eat. There was nothing in the house and even her little son had to go without food.

"Poor boy," said she, "your grand-father is very rich. He has

plenty to eat. But you have to go without food. How unkind this is!"

Poor William felt very sad when he heard this. He was a very proud man. But he said, "I will go to my father and say, 'Father, forgive me and help me. Take pity on my little boy.' Then he will certainly take pity on me and give me money and I shall buy food for my son."

So William went to his father's gate and waited.

The farmer saw him. But he would not call his son in. He did not think of giving him anything. He turned his face away from his son.

William waited at the gate, all day long. In the evening he

returned home sadly. He did not get anything from his father.

Mary was very sad when he came back without meeting his father.

Next day also William went to his father's gate. But it was of no use. The old man was firm. He would not call his son in.

Day after day he went to the farm. But he got no help from his father.

Now, Dora saw William and took pity on him. But what could she do for him?

"Poor William," said she, "is very unhappy. He wants help. But my uncle is very angry and won't help him. I should do what I can for him."

So Dora made up her mind to



help William, in her own little way.

"I must do what I can for William," said she. "I can save a little every day. I will send that little to William. But he is very proud. He won't take anything from me. So he must not know that I am helping him. I must help him secretly. Then he won't know who is helping him."

Day after day Dora saved something and sent it to Mary. Mary took it; but she did not know from where it came.

William too did not know that Dora was helping him. Allan also did not know anything about it.

In this way Dora helped William and Mary secretly.

But the help they got was not much. Mary made the best use of

it. Yet it was not enough. It just kept them from starvation.

Meanwhile William fell ill. He had high fever.

Mary could not get a doctor to see him. There was no one to help them in their difficulty.

Day by day William grew worse and worse.

It was harvest time. The fields were full of corn. Farmers were happy.

"This year we shall have a rich harvest," they said. "Thank God."

But poor Mary was very unhappy. William was very ill and she knew he would die. His father knew he was ill. But he did not go and see him. He did not send him any help.

Even Dora did not go to see him. She was afraid of her uncle. She knew he would be angry, if she went to see William.

William grew worse day by day.

One day he called his wife to his side and said, "O Mary, I am dying. Let me die at peace with all men. I am sorry I disobeyed my father. But I am not sorry for marrying you. You have been a good wife to me and I love you all the more. May God bless my father! May he never be unhappy like me!"

With these words, he died.

TEST:- Fill up the blanks choosing the right words from those given in brackets.

1. William left the farm and never went back to ——. (his father, Mary).
2. He worked in the ——. (ships, fields, farms).



3. He married ——.
 

(Mary Morrison, Mary Doban, Mary Allan).
  4. A —— was born to them.
 

(girl, son, daughter).
  5. Allan —— his son.
 

(helped, did not help).
  6. During harvest time —— had fever and died.
 

(William, Mary, the boy).
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### 3. THE BOY

When Dora heard that William was dead, she felt very sad.

"Poor Mary!" she said, "there is no one to help her and her little son. What will they do now?"

Farmer Allan also heard that his son was dead. But he said nothing.

Dora wished to go to Mary and help her but she was afraid of the old man, her uncle.

"I want to go to William's wife and help her, said she to herself. "But my uncle will be angry with me if I go."

She thought about it for a long time. Then she made up her mind to go and see Mary.

"I must go and see her," said

Dora. "My uncle may get angry with me. Yet I will go. It is my duty."

So, one day, she went to the house where Mary lived.

Mary saw Dora coming. "Dora is coming to see me," said she to herself. "She did not come to see William when he lay ill. She did not help him when he went to the farm for help. Why does she come here now?"

Mary did not know what Dora had done for her. So she thought harshly of her.

"Dora wanted to marry William," she thought. "But he did not love her. He loved me and married me. So she doesn't like me."

Mary did not welcome Dora when she came to see her. But Dora went up to Mary and sat by her side.



"Mary," she said, "I know how unhappy you are. I wanted to come and see William when he lay ill. But my uncle ordered me not to come. I was afraid of disobeying him. So I did not come to see you before."

"I am sorry I misunderstood you," said Mary. "I thank you for your kindness."

"Give me your boy, Mary," said Dora again. "I will take him with me. When my uncle comes to the field, I will give the boy to him. This year he has very fine harvest. So he is very happy. His heart will melt when he sees the child."

"Thank you, Dora," said Mary "you are very kind indeed."

"When my uncle sees the little boy," said she, "he will forgive

William and take the boy to the farm."

Mary agreed to send her son with Dora. She had confidence in Dora.

So Dora took the child and went to the field. They sat among the flowers and waited for the old man. The little boy sat playing.

Presently farmer Allan came to the field. He walked round looking at the corn.

"This is the best harvest I ever had," said he to himself.

Old Allan was very happy.

He stood looking at the field for some time. Then he turned round and went home.

He did not see Dora or the child, for he did not look that way.

"My uncle did not see me," she said to herself. "To-morrow I shall come again. If he doesn't see us, I shall take the boy to him."

Dora went back to Mary in the evening. She did not go home that day.

"Where is Dora?" asked Allan that night.

"She went out in the morning," said his man, "and has not come back. I don't know where she has gone to."

The next day Dora went to the field again. She took the little boy also with her. She picked some flowers and placed them on his hat.

There was a small hill near by.

"I shall go and sit there," said



she, "then my uncle will surely see me and the child."

So she went up with the child. She sat down and the boy sat playing by her side.

Before long Allan came to the field again. He was very glad when he saw the field covered with corn.

Then he looked round and saw the boy playing with her.

Allan went up to her. "Where were you yesterday?" he asked her.

Dora heard the question; but did not answer him.

"Whose child is that?" he asked again, "and what are you doing with it?"

Then Dora looked down and answered slowly. "This is William's son, your grandson."

Allan became angry when he heard her words.

"Did I not ask you not to go to them?" he asked Dora.

"Yes," she answered. "Do what you will with me. But take the child."

At this Allan grew even more angry.

"I know," said he, "this is a trick got up by you and Mary. And I will punish you for it."

So saying he took the child. "I will take the child," said he. "Go away. Let me never see you again."

The child was afraid when the old man took it up. It began to cry and called out to Dora to take him back. But Allan did not let him go. He carried him home. Dora stood watching the old man. When

they were gone, she turned back and went to Mary's house.

TEST:- Fill up the blanks choosing the right words from those given in brackets.

1. When William died, —— went to see Mary.

(Allan, Dora, the boy).

2. She told Mary to give the —— to her.

(house, boy farm).

3. She took the child to the —— .

(farm, field, house).

4. On the second day —— saw the child.

(Dora, Mary, Allan).

5. He took the child, but he told —— to go away.

(Dora, Mary, William).

6. Then Dora went to —— house.

(her, her uncle's, Mary's).



#### 4. MARY AND DORA

Dora was very sad when Allan told her to go away. Now, she could not go back to the farm. So she went to Mary's house. She had no other house to go to.

"O Mary," said Dora, "take me in and let me live with you, for I may never return to the farm."

Mary was very sad when she heard the story.

"Poor Dora," she said to herself, "She has tried to help me. But her uncle has turned her out. What can I do for her now?"

"Thank you, Dora," she said, "you have tried your best to help me. But your uncle is angry. He has sent you out of the farm. This is very bad. Let him take you back and give back my son to me. I don't want you to leave the farm for my sake."

Mary rose up to go to the farm.

"Come," said she to Dora, "let us go to the farmer. I will tell him to take you back. Let him give back my son to me."

Then Dora and Mary went to the farm to take back the child.

When they came near, they saw that the door was open.

"Let us see what they are doing," said Mary.

They went to the door and looked in. What was the old man doing?

They saw the old man sitting near the fire. The boy was sitting on his lap. The farmer was playing with his grandson. It was clear he loved the little boy.

The women stood watching them for some time. It was a happy sight.

Then they went in. The little boy saw his mother. "Mother,

mother," he cried out.

He was crying to his mother to take him with her.

Allan took the child in his arms and set him down.

"O Father," said Mary, "I hope you will allow me to call you 'father.' I have never begged for myself. I have not begged for the child. But now I come to beg for Dora. Take her back, for she loves you. She does not want to leave you."

The old man heard her words; but said nothing.

"Father," she said again, "take back Dora and give me back my son."

Then she told him about William.

"William was sorry that he had disobeyed you," said she. "But he was never sorry for marrying me. When he died, he died at peace with



all men. His last words were 'May God bless my father. May he never see bad times like me.'"

Then she requested him to give back her son.

"Give me back my son," said she again. "I don't want him to live with you. For you will teach him not to love his father. Take Dora back. Let her live with you as she did before."

Allan heard her words; but did not say a word for some time.

But he was full of pity for his poor son.

At last he began to weep.

"My son, ho, my son," cried he. "I have killed my son. He was my only son and I love him dearly. May God forgive me!"

Then he took William's child in his arms and kissed him many times.

The women felt great pity for the old man.

"My uncle, O my uncle," cried Dora.

"Forgive me, Dora," said Allan.

His love returned and he told them to live with him at the farm.

"Come, Dora," said he, "come and live with me."

Then he turned to Mary and said "O Mary, forgive me. Won't you come and live here?"

Mary agreed to do so.

From that day, all of them began to live together at the farm. It was a happy home. All of them loved William's child. It was difficult to say who loved him more — Mary, Dora, or Allan.

The years went by.

Then there came a man who loved Mary and asked her to be his wife. She married him.

But Dora remained unmarried all her life.

TEST:- Fill up the blanks choosing the right words from those given in brackets.

1. Dora and Mary went to the ——. (village, farm, river).
  2. They saw the old man playing with the—. (dog, child, ball).
  3. Mary told him to take back ——. (the child, Dora, the farm).
  4. She also asked him to give back her ——. (husband, son, house).
  5. She told him how —— died blessing his father. (her father, William, son).
  6. Then —— was filled with grief and he wept. (Dora, Mary, Allan).
  7. He requested them to live with him at the —— and they agreed. (village, farm, town).
  8. Mary married again, but Dora, remained —— all her life. (married, unmarried).
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## FINAL TEST

Complete the following sentences choosing the right words from those given in brackets.

1. Farmer Allan lived at the farm with —— and Dora.

(Mary, William, the boy).

2. William was his son, and Dora, his ——.  
(daughter, niece, sister).

3. Allan told his son to marry —— but he refused

(Dora, Mary).

4. So he turned him out of the farm and he married ——.

(Dora, Mary)

5. Allan ordered Dora not to speak a word to William or his ——.

(son, wife, sister).

6. A son was born to —— and Mary.

(Allan, Dora, William).

7. Then evil days came upon them, but —— did not help them.

(Dora, Mary, Allan).

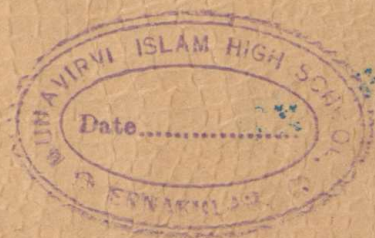
8. At last William fell ill and ——.

(became well again, died, went away).

9. When William died, —— went to Mary.

(Dora, Allan).

10. She took —— to Allan.  
(Mary, the child).
  11. Allan took the child, but turned —— out  
of the farm.  
(Mary, Dora).
  12. Dora went to —— and wanted to live  
with her.  
(Allen, Mary, the child).
  13. But Mary did not want Dora to leave  
the —— for her sake.  
(house, farm, village).
  14. They went to the farm and saw the old  
man playing with his ——.  
(son, grandson, daughter).
  15. Mary told him to take —— back and  
give her ——.  
(Dora, husband, son).
  16. She also told him how —— died blessing  
his father.  
(the boy, William, her mother).
  17. Then the old man ——.  
(was angry, wept, laughed).
  18. He asked Dora and —— to live with him.  
(Allan, Mary, the child).
  19. From that day they lived together at  
the —— (village, farm).
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