

# **The Fox and The Crow**

**A Fox once saw a Crow fly off with a piece of cheese in its beak and settle on a branch of a tree.**

**The fox walked up to the foot of the tree.**

**"Good day, Mistress Crow," he cried. "How well you are looking today: how glossy your feathers; how bright your eyes.**

**I feel sure your voice must surpass that of other birds, just as your figure does; let me hear but one song from you that I may greet you as the Queen of Birds."**

**The Crow lifted up her head and began to caw her best, but the moment she opened her mouth the piece of cheese fell to the ground, only to be snapped up by the Fox. The crow was sad.**