

“A certain king had a beautiful garden, and in the garden stood a tree which bore golden apples.”

“Some people are born to good luck: all they do, or try to do, works out right.”

“There was once an old castle, that stood in the middle of a deep gloomy wood, and in the castle lived an old fairy.”

“An honest farmer had once a donkey that had been a faithful servant to him a great many years.”

“A shepherd had a faithful dog, called Sultan, who was very old, and had lost all his teeth.”

“In a village lived a poor old woman, who had gathered together a dish of beans and wanted to cook them.”

“There was a king who had twelve beautiful daughters.”

“There was once a fisherman who lived with his wife in a pigsty, close by the seaside.”

“Once in summer-time the bear and the wolf were walking in the forest.”

“One fine evening a young princess put on her coat and shoes, and went out to take a walk by herself near a lake.”