

The Ugly Duckling

Model Text

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There once was a Mummy Duck who lived on a farm. In her nest, she had some eggs. She had five little eggs and one big egg. One day, the five little eggs started to crack.

Tap, tap, tap! Five small, baby ducklings came out. Then the big egg started to crack. Bang, bang, bang! One big, ugly duckling started to come out. He was much bigger than the other ducklings.

Nobody wanted to play with him. His brothers and sisters told him he was ugly.

The ugly duckling felt sad and very unhappy so he went to find some new friends on the farm.

'Go away!' said all of the animals.

No one wanted to be his friend. It was very cold and it was starting to snow! Where would the ugly duckling go? The ugly duckling found an empty barn and lived there.

He was cold and lonely.

Then spring came. The ugly duckling left the barn and went back to the pond. He was very thirsty and put his beak into the water. He saw a beautiful, white bird in the water!

'Gosh!' he said. 'Who is that?'

'It is you,' said another bird.

'Me? But I am an ugly duckling.'

'Not anymore. You are a beautiful swan, like me. Shall we be friends?'

'Yes. Thank you for helping me feel happy,' he smiled.

All the other animals watched as the two swans flew away.

