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A CHINESE FAIRY TALE

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The Emperor of China lived in a palace surrounded by a large garden. Many travellers came to look at it. They admired the palace with its treasures; they admired the gardens full of flowers. They admired most a little, gray nightingale that lived in a great tree.

One day, the Emperor was reading a book about his possessions when he read: "The Emperor of China lives in the most beautiful palace in the world, surrounded by the most wonderful gardens, but the nightingale in the garden is the best of all."

The Emperor sent for his Lord-in-Waiting and asked: "Who is this nightingale? Why does she not come to court that I may hear her sing?"

The Lord-in-Waiting had never heard of the nightingale. "She has never been presented at court," he told the Emperor.

"I choose to hear her sing before me this very evening," announced the Emperor.

The Lord-in-Waiting ran to find the nightingale. A kitchen girl led the lords of the court out into the garden where the nightingale lived.

The little nightingale sang so sweetly for the court that everyone said she would make a great success before the Emperor.

When the Emperor heard the nightingale sing, tears of happiness came to his eyes and he asked the songbird to stay and sing for him always. He gave her presents and appointed lords and ladies to wait on her.

One afternoon, a package arrived from the Emperor of Japan.
Inside was an artificial nightingale made to imitate the real one, but covered with precious stones. Around its neck were these words: "The nightingale of the Emperor of Japan is poor compared to that of the Emperor of China."

By winding it up, the artificial nightingale could sing one song. The Emperor was delighted with the new nightingale and banished the real bird.

The artificial nightingale was given a title and many rich presents. Everyone said that the artificial nightingale was better than the real nightingale.

One evening, the artificial nightingale was singing, and its spring broke. The mechanism was repaired but now the artificial bird was permitted to sing only once a year.

After a few years, the Emperor became ill and the Court Physician said he could not live. A successor was chosen and everybody went to honor the new ruler. The Emperor was left alone and Death came and sat on his breast.

This frightened the Emperor. "Sing," he cried to the artificial nightingale. There was nobody to wind up the mechanism so it could not sing. Death put on the Emperor's golden crown and took the Emperor's sceptre.

Suddenly there sounded through the room a ripple of sweet melody. The little, gray nightingale had flown to the Emperor's bedroom and was singing to him and to Death.

When she stopped, Death begged for another song. "Give me the crown and sceptre and I will sing for you," answered the nightingale. She sang until Death floated out of the window.

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JELL-O RECIPES

APPLE SNOW JELL-O

Dissolve a package of Strawberry Jell-O in a pint of boiling water. When partly cold turn into sherbet glasses, filling three-quarters full. When firm pile Apple Snow on top. To make Apple Snow dissolve one-half package of Lemon Jell-O in half a pint of boiling water. When cool whip to consistency of thick whipped cream. Then add one grated apple and four tablespoonfuls of sugar. Raspberry or Cherry Jell-O may be used instead of Strawberry.

GINGER ALE SALAD

Pour one-half cup of boiling water over one package of Lemon Jell-O, set in hot water till thoroughly dissolved, stirring all the time. Cool and add one and one-half cups ginger ale. Set in a cold place until it begins to thicken, then stir in one-fourth cup finely cut nutmeats, one-fourth cup finely cut celery, one cup finely cut assorted fruits (pineapple, orange, apple, cherries or grapes), one tablespoonful finely cut crystallized ginger.

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PINEAPPLE BAVARIAN CREAM

Dissolve a package of Lemon Jell-O in a half-pint of boiling water and add a half-pint of juice from a can of pineapple. When cold and still liquid whip to consistency of whipped cream. Add a cup of the shredded pineapple. Pour into mould and set in a cold place to harden. Turn from the mould and garnish with sliced pineapple and cherries or grapes.

Instead of pineapple, stewed prunes, chopped, may be used, or canned peaches, or berries. Remember to use not more than one pint of liquid, including the boiling water and the fruit juice.

It is not necessary to use either sugar or whipped cream in any of the Jell-O Bavarian Creams.

CUCUMBER SALAD

Grate enough cucumber to fill one cup. Add one tablespoonful of vinegar and pinch of salt. Dissolve a package of Lemon Jell-O in one-half pint boiling water. When cool add cucumber mixture, press through a sieve, add a few drops of green coloring and turn into a pan. When firm cut in squares. Serve on sliced cucumbers or lettuce. Fine with fish.
“Thanks, little bird,” said the Emperor, who was now quite well. “You have frightened away Death. How shall I reward you?”

“I shall sing for you whenever you need me,” answered the nightingale, “and tell you all you ought to know about your court and your people. You must never reveal that a little bird tells you secrets.”

When the servants came expecting to find their Emperor cold in death, he stood up smiling, and said: “Good Morning.”

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