








# Carruur xabkeed

## Children of wax

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Waa baa waxaa jiray, qoys farxad  
ku nool.

...

Once upon a time, there lived a  
happy family.

Weligood isma ayan dagaalin.  
Hawsha guriga iyo beertana waa  
ay ka caawin jireen waalidkood.

...

They never fought with each other.  
They helped their parents at home  
and in the fields.





Laakiin looma oggolayn in ay dab u dhowaadaan.

...

But they were not allowed to go near a fire.



Hawshooda oo dhanna waxa ay qabsan jireen habeenkii. Sababtoo ah waxaa ay ka sameysmaayeen xabaq!

...

They had to do all their work during the night. Because they were made of wax!



Laakiin Mid wiilasha ka mid ah ayaa u xiiso qabay in uu cadceedda u baxo.

...

But one of the boys longed to go out in the sunlight.



Hal maalin ayaa uu rabitaankiisu  
aad u xoogeystay. Walaalihiis ayaa  
uga digay...

...

One day the longing was too  
strong. His brothers warned him...

Laakiin waa ay daahday! Qoraxda kulul ayuu ku dhalaalay.

...

But it was too late! He melted in the hot sun.







Carruur xabkeedkii aad bay uga murugoodeen in ay arkaan walaalkood oo dhalaalaya.

...

The wax children were so sad to see their brother melting away.



Laakiin qorshe ayay degeen. Waxa ay u ekeysiiyeen kuus xabagta dhalaashay ah shimbir.

...

But they made a plan. They shaped the lump of melted wax into a bird.



Waxa ay u qaadeen shimbirkii  
walaalkood ahaa buur dheer  
dusheeda.

...

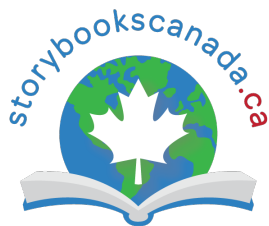
They took their bird brother up to a  
high mountain.



Sidaastey qoraxda qorraxda usoo  
baxday na, waa uu duulay isaga oo  
ku dhex heesaya iftiinka  
arrooryaad.

...

And as the sun rose, he flew away  
singing into the morning light.



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