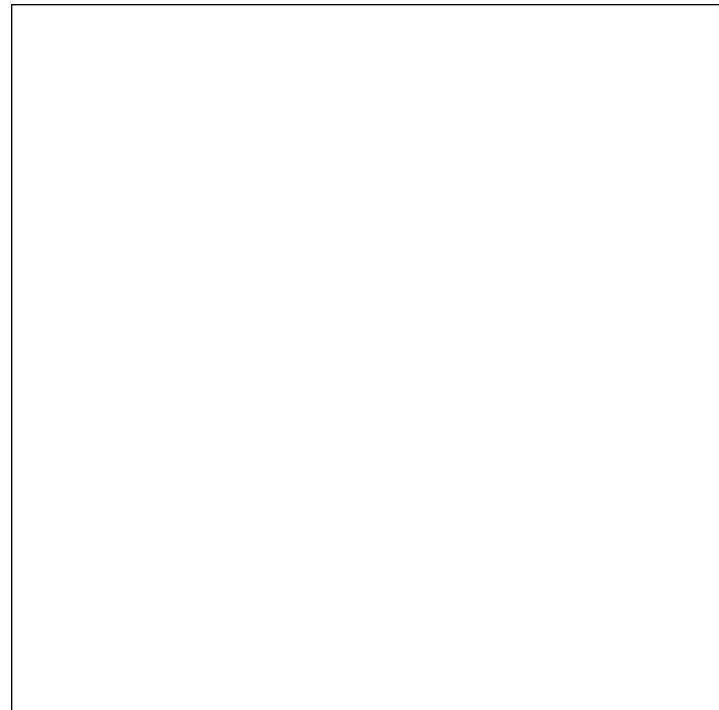




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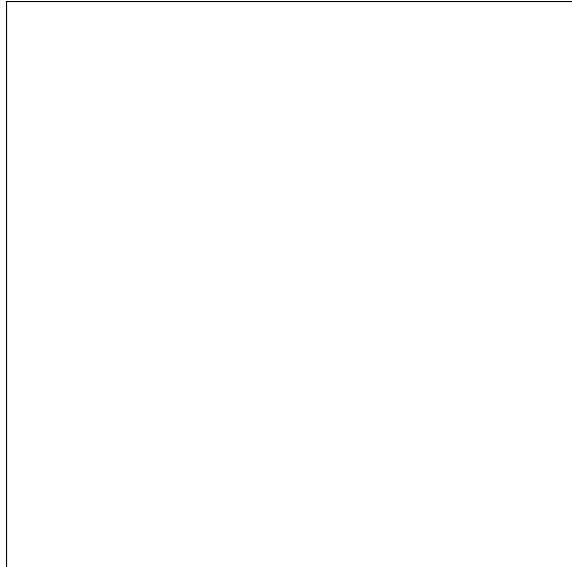
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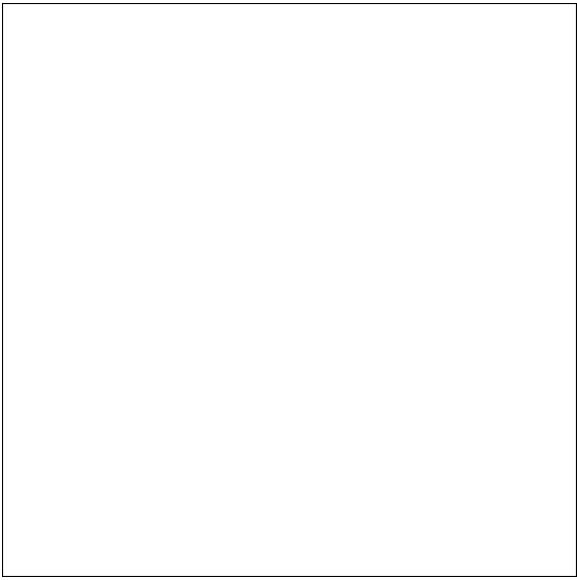
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Once upon a time, there lived a happy family.

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

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Weligood isma ayan dagailin. Hawsha guriga  
iyo beeرتانا waay ka caawin jireen  
waalidkood.





Laakiin looma oggolayn in ay dab u  
dhowaadaan.

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But they were not allowed to go near a fire.

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

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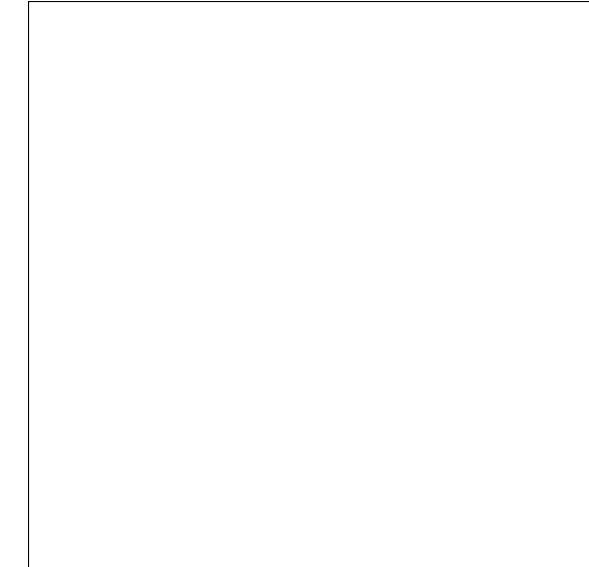
Hawshooda oo dhan'a waxa ay qabsan jireen  
habeenki. Sababtoo ah waxaa ay ka  
sameysmayeen xabdi!



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

...

Sidastey qoraxda qoraxda usoob baxday na,  
wa uu duullay isaga oo ku dhexteesaya  
iftinika arrooyad.





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.

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Waxa ay u qaadeen shimbirkii walaalkood ahaa  
buur dheer dusheeda.

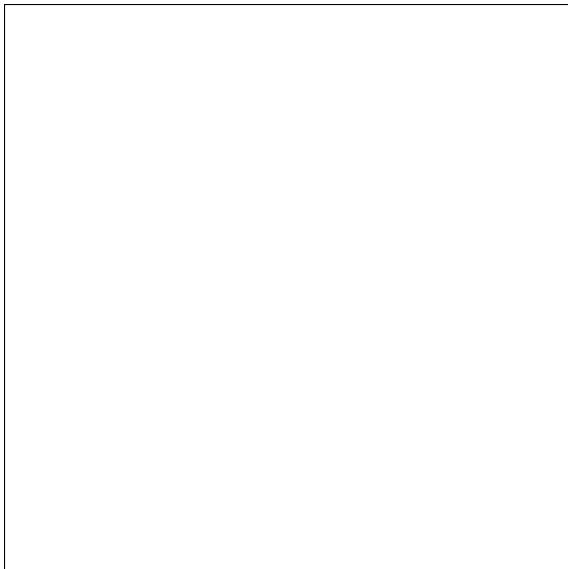
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They took their bird brother up to a high  
mountain.

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

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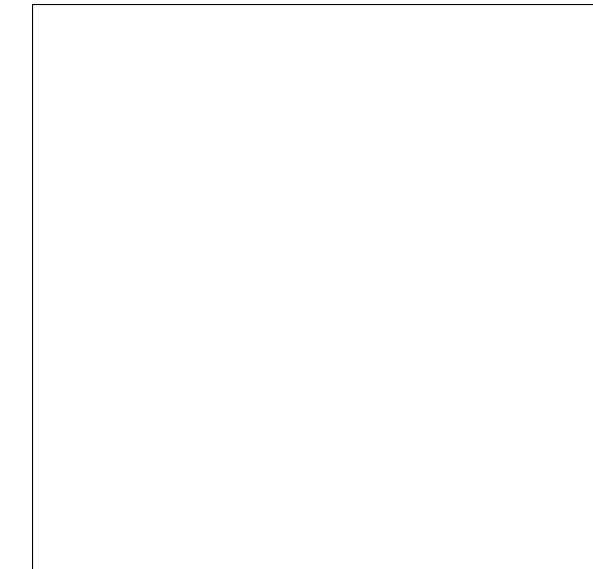
Hal maalin ayaa uu rabbitankiisu aad u  
xoogeystay. Walalihis ayaa uga digay...



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

...

Lakaan qorshe ayay degreen. Waxa ay u  
ekesyiyeen kuus xabagta dhalashay ah  
shimbir.

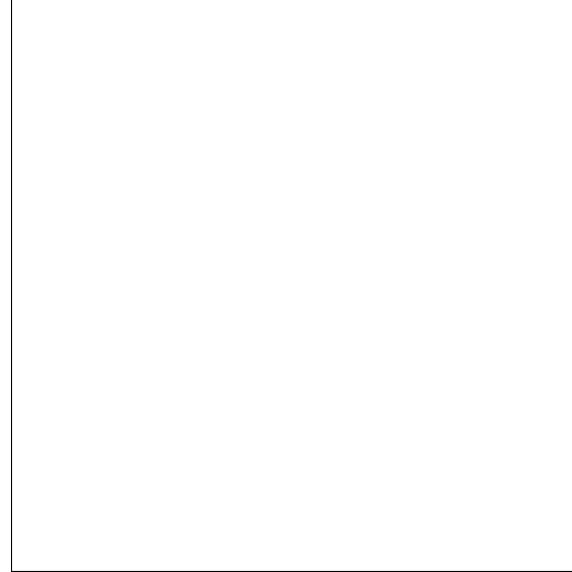




Laakiin waa ay daahday! Qoraxda kulul ayuu  
ku dhalaalay.

...

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.