# 蠟做嘅細路仔

### Children of wax

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好耐好耐之前,有一個好快樂嘅家 庭。 Once upon a time, there lived a happy family.

班細路仔從來都唔會打交, 仲成日喺 屋企同埋農田度幫爹哋媽咪做嘢。

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

但係佢哋唔准靠近火。
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But they were not allowed to go near a fire.

佢哋淨係可以喺夜晚黑做嘢。 有計啦,因為佢哋都係用蠟做嘅! … They had to do all their work during the night. Because they were made of wax!

但係其中一個男仔好想出去,感受一 下陽光。 But one of the boys longed to go out in the sunlight.

有一日,佢終於忍唔住啦。雖然兄弟 都警告過佢…… One day the longing was too strong. His brothers warned him... 但係已經太遲啦!佢喺炎熱嘅太陽底 下融咗。 But it was too late! He melted in the hot sun.

其他蠟做嘅細路仔見到佢哋嘅兄弟逐 漸融化、消失,非常之傷心。 The wax children were so sad to see their brother melting away.

但係佢哋諗出咗一個好辦法:就係將 融化咗嗰嚿蠟捻成一隻雀仔。 But they made a plan. They shaped the lump of melted wax into a bird.

佢哋將變成雀仔嘅兄弟帶去一座高山 上面。 
They took their bird brother up to a high mountain.

太陽慢慢升起,佢一路迎向晨光唱 歌,一路遠走高飛。 And as the sun rose, he flew away singing into the morning light.



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