



Read the tale and say what you've learned about Snow White.

## SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS<sup>1</sup>

### Part I

#### The Wicked<sup>2</sup> Queen

One winter day, many years ago, a Queen had a baby girl. The child was as white as snow. So the Queen called her Snow White.

But soon Snow White's mother died and the King married<sup>3</sup> again.

The new Queen was very nice. She had a magic mirror.<sup>4</sup> The magic mirror usually said to her:

"Young Queen, young Queen.  
You are the nicest young Queen."

But the years went by and, as Snow White grew up, she became more beautiful day by day, and one day the mirror said to the Queen:

"Queen, you are nice still,  
But Snow White will be  
More beautiful than you to see."

The Queen became very angry. She sent for one of her servants<sup>5</sup> and said to him: "Take this little girl to the forest, then I'll give you a big bag of gold."<sup>6</sup>

The servant took little Snow White into the forest. While little Snow White played in the forest skipping and picking flowers, the servant ran back to the palace.



<sup>1</sup> dwarf [dwa:ɹf] — гном

<sup>2</sup> wicked [ˈwɪkɪd] — злая

<sup>3</sup> marry — жениться

<sup>4</sup> magic [ˈmædʒɪk] mirror — волшебное зеркало

<sup>5</sup> servant [ˈsɜ:vənt] — слуга

<sup>6</sup> gold [gəʊld] — золото

## The House in the Forest

When little Snow White looked round for the servant and could not see him, she got frightened.<sup>1</sup> She wanted to get back to the palace. She ran, ran and ran.



At last she saw a little house in the forest. The door was open and she walked in. She didn't see anybody in the house. There was a little table in the room. There were seven little plates,<sup>2</sup> seven little glasses, seven little spoons<sup>3</sup> on the table.

Little Snow White was very hungry; so she ate some vegetables, some cold meat, some bread. Then she drank some milk from each glass.

<sup>1</sup> get (got) frightened ['fraɪnd] — испугаться (испугалась)

<sup>2</sup> plate [pleɪt] — тарелка

<sup>3</sup> spoon — ложка



As she was very tired, she wanted to sleep. There were seven little beds in the room. She went to the seventh bed which she liked better than the others,<sup>1</sup> and very soon she was asleep.

Part III

## Sweet Home

Late in the evening the masters<sup>2</sup> of the house came home. They were seven little dwarfs. They came home after their work in the mountains where they looked for gold.

When they walked into the room and lit<sup>3</sup> seven little lamps, they saw Snow White in one of the beds. She was asleep. They all looked at her and said:

"Oh, how nice she is!"

"Oh, what a beautiful child!"

"Oh, what a nice little girl!"

<sup>1</sup> other ['ʌðə] — другой

<sup>2</sup> master ['mɑ:stə] — хозяин

<sup>3</sup> light [laɪt] (lit) — зажигать (зажёг)



They didn't awake her. They let her sleep as long as she liked. In the morning, when Snow White woke up, she saw seven little dwarfs standing near her. "Oh, they are kind little men," Snow White thought.

"What is your name, child?" they asked.

"My name is Snow White," she said, and she told them her story.

"Poor thing! Poor thing!" they said. "Do you want to live here and help us about the house — to clean the rooms, wash our clothes and cook?"

"With great pleasure," said Snow White.

When the dwarfs went to work in the mountains to look for gold, Snow White washed their clothes, cleaned the rooms and cooked.

Every evening, when the dwarfs came home, Snow White had a tasty supper ready for them.

And they all lived very happily together.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> together [tə'geðə] — вместе