

The Swallow, the Swan and the Wasp

Once there was a swallow who quarrelled with his friend in the trees above a green squashy swamp. Under the trees lived a swan who wandered around the swamp listening to the swallow squabble with his friends.

‘Why can’t the swallow be happy with all the lovely fresh clean air?’ he thought as he watched the squabbling. The poor swan was unhappy because of the dirty swamp water. He wanted to swap his swamp for something nice and clean and he was sad that the swallow was not happy. He watched the swallow fly in quality, clean air and was sad that he couldn’t have a wash.

One day in his part of the pond a wasp flew over and watched him wallow in the green slime. In the wasp's hand was a wallet.

‘What would you most wish for?’ asked the wasp as he flew overhead.

‘I want to have a nice clean pond,’ said the swan, ‘and I wish that the swallow wouldn’t quarrel so much’.

The wasp felt sorry for the swan and so took a wand out of his wallet.

‘Your wish is granted,’ said the wasp and waved his wand over the swamp.

Everything that the swan wanted then came true and the swamp became a quality pond and the swallow never quarrelled or bothered the swan again.