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The Ant and the Cricket

Adapted from Aesop's fables

Poem

A fable is a traditional story that teaches us a moral lesson. Usually the characters in the fables are animals. This poem 'The Ant and the Cricket' teaches us the importance of hard work and planning.



A silly young cricket, accustomed to sing
Through the warm, sunny months of gay summer and spring,
Began to complain when he found that, at home,
His cupboard was empty, and winter was come.

Not a crumb to be found
On the snow-covered ground;
Not a flower could he see,
Not a leaf on a tree.

"Oh! what will become," says cricket, "of me?"
At last by starvation and famine made bold,
All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold,
Away he set off to a miserly ant,
To see if, to keep him alive, he would grant

Him shelter from rain.
And a mouthful of grain.
He wished only to borrow;
He'd repay it tomorrow;

