

# BILLY TAKES A SHORTCUT



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Billy Hornblower blew his  
horn to let everyone know  
it was time to finish work  
for the day.









He went home for tea to find his brother  
and sister in front of the fire with a cold.  
Mrs. Hornblower asked Billy if he would  
fetch some medicine from Granny  
Rumbletummy's.



Granny Rumbletummy lived on the other side of the stream. Instead of going the long way round to the bridge, Billy took a short cut over the fallen tree.







But, suddenly he slipped and was saved from falling a long way down by his braces which caught on a branch. Billy blew his horn, hoping that someone would rescue him.





Two rabbits heard the horn and hopped to Granny Rumbletummy's. She listened to the rabbits who told her about Billy and she took a quilt out of a chest and set off to the stream.





When she saw Billy dangling from the tree, she whistled and all the birds from the woods came and took hold of the quilt and held it underneath Billy who fell into it.

Billy thanked Granny Rumbletummy and the birds and animals and went for the medicine. Then, he went home —the long way round, over the bridge!







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