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## DICKON / MARY SIDE 1

### THE EDGE OF THE MOOR

*(MARY enters, skipping and singing a section of "It's a Maze" on "la". DICKON appears from behind a topiary.)*

**DICKON**

Hello there, Mary.

**MARY**

Who are you?

**DICKON**

I'm Martha's brother, Dickon. I hope I didn't fright thee.

**MARY**

But what are you doing here?

**DICKON**

I did fright thee. I'm sorry.

**MARY**

But why haven't I seen you before?

**DICKON**

A body has to move gentle and speak low when wild things is about.

**MARY**

You mean you're here all the time?

**DICKON**

Well, if somethin' is sick I take a look at it, sure I do. And find the ponies that wander off and the eggs that roll out of the nests, but look here. Me mother's sent you a penny's worth of seeds for your garden.

*(A ROBIN whistles "tell her what kind.")*

**DICKON**

There's columbine and poppies by the handful.

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**MARY**

I don't have a garden.

**DICKON**

But don't you want one? One of your own, I mean.

*(MARY isn't sure she wants to talk to him, but his spell is beginning to work on her.)*

**DICKON**

Come and look at your seeds, why don't you? Well, if you don't want 'em, I'll...

*(He pours the seeds in her hand.)  
(The ROBIN is heard again: "Take the seed, girl...")*

**MARY**

I want to go in that garden. Where the robin lives.

**DICKON**

I wasn't sure you'd seen him.

**MARY**

Seen him? He's done nothing but chirp at me ever since I got here.

*(The ROBIN whistles: "You're a saucy lass.")*

**DICKON**

But, you have to understand, he's makin' his nest. And he can't afford to have you interferin' if you're not friendly.

*(The ROBIN whistles again: "So are you friendly?")*

**MARY**

How do you know that?

**DICKON**

Because we were just talkin' about you, how do you think?

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He was talking too, or just you?

**DICKON**

What he thinks, is that you're lookin' for a nest yourself, only it looks to him like your nest would have to be pretty big.

**MARY**

Have you ever been in there?

**DICKON**

It's not mine to go into, Mary. But it might be yours, I can't say. He's been keepin' it safe for somebody, that much I know.

**MARY**

He has?

**DICKON**

Same way as the ivy grown up to hide the door. But maybe the robin is waitin' to hear why you want to go in there, exactly. Bein' as he's got the safest nestin' spot in all England, he's wise to be wary.

**MARY**

Can you tell him I'm friendly?

**DICKON**

I could, but what if you wanted to tell him something else and I wasn't here? Be much quicker if you learned to talk to him yourself.

**MARY**

But what could I say that he would understand?

**DICKON**

Well I wouldn't mention that you were an egg-eater, if you know what I mean. But are you interested in flyin' perhaps? Or bugs?

**MARY**

I'm afraid not.

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Well, then just tell him about yourself, and I'll translate into Yorkshire for you  
'til you get the way of it.