



Myths of Ancient Greece!



Songs and stories for children of all ages written and composed by

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Lyrics

Myths of Ancient Greece

COME ALONG AND HEAR THE STORIES
TOLD SO LONG AGO
ABOUT THE GODS AND GODDESSES WHO RULED THE WORLD BELOW
TRAGEDIES AND COMEDIES
SCENES OF LOVE AND WOE
SCARY PARTS THAT FLIP OUR HEARTS
AS MONSTERS COME AND GO
A MASTERPIECE
MYTHS OF ANCIENT GREECE

THERE'S MANY GODS BUT TWELVE
ARE THE MOST WELL KNOWN IN THE LAND
THEY DWELL ON MOUNT OLYMPUS
WHERE THERE LIVES ARE VERY GRAND JOYFUL JEALOUS
SAD AND MAD
THESE GODS MAKE SUCH A FUSS MAKING MISCHIEF
WHAT FUN THIS IS
ACTING JUST LIKE US
THERE'S WAR AND PEACE!
THE MYTHS OF ANCIENT GREECE

ZEUS IS THE GOD OF THE SKY
HE IS MARRIED TO HERA WHO TENDS TO THE HOME APOLLO THE GOD OF THE LIGHT
UNDER THE SEA POSEIDON DOES ROAM
HADES THE GOD OF THE UNDERWORLD
DEMETER, GODDESS OF GRAIN
HERMES GIVES MESSAGES
THERE GOES DEAR ARTEMIS
HUNTING FOR FUN AND FOR GAME
DIONYSUS THE GOD OF THE DANCE
ATHENA IS SHIELDED AND MIGHTY
FORGING THE FIRE IS HEAPHASTEUS



AND THE GODDESS OF LOVE, APHRODITE!

COME ALONG AND HEAR THE STORIES TOLD SO LONG AGO
ABOUT THE GODS AND GODDESSES WHO RULED THE WORLD BELOW
THERE'S KINGS AND QUEENS ADVENTURING
AND HEROES ON A QUEST AND ALL THE GODS
WILL INTERVENE
WHEN THEY THINK IT IS BEST A MASTERPIECE
MYTHS OF ANCIENT GREECE

Demeter & Persephone

Persephone's Song

THE WIND IS BUT A WHISPER
RIPPLING THROUGH THE GRAIN
THE FLOWERS FIRST UNFOLDING
TO KISS THE MORNING RAIN

AND I AM IN THE GOLDEN FIELDS
BELIEVE NOT WHAT I SEE
OH JOY
OH JOY TO MOTHER EARTH
FOR GIVING LIFE TO ME

SWIFTLY O'ER THE HILLS AND DALES
I RACE ACROSS THE GREEN
THE SMELL OF ROSE (PINE) AND LAVENDER
AND SEEDLINGS STILL UNSEEN

THE WHEAT IS TALL AND WANTING
AND HIDDEN FROM THE VIEW
I LIE DOWN IN THE MEADOW
THE SKY AND ENDLESS BLUE

AND I AM BUT A GIRL STILL
WHO KNOWS NOT MUCH AT ALL
BUT ON MY FACE AND FINGER TIPS
AND IN MY HAIR AND ON MY LIPS
THE SUNLIGHT SPILLS AND FALLS

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RIPPLING THROUGH THE GRAIN
THE FLOWERS FIRST UNFOLDING
TO KISS THE MORNING RAIN

AND I AM IN THE GOLDEN FIELDS
BELIEVE NOT WHAT I SEE
OH JOY
OH JOY TO MOTHER EARTH
FOR GIVING LIFE
FOR BREATHING LIFE INTO ME

Demeter's Song



COMBING THE FIELDS
EVERY ROW
EVERY GRAIN
COME UP EMPTY

SMASHING THE BARLEY
CHAFING THE WHEAT IT'S NO GOOD
SHE'S NOT HERE
SHE'S NOT HERE

WHY DID I LEAVE HER ALONE
I SHOULD NEVER TAKE CHANCES
THINKING SHE'S OLD ENOUGH
TO FOLLOW THE RULES

BUT SHE'S STILL SUCH A CHILD
WHOSE HEART RUNS WILD
AND FREE
WHERE CAN SHE BE?

SHE WANTED HER FREEDOM
I THOUGHT IT TOO SOON BUT I WAS WILLING
WHAT KIND OF DANGER
A MARK FROM A STRANGER'S HAND

AND OH, I CANNOT BREATHE
I CANNOT BEAR THAT SHE MIGHT NOW BE GONE
I'LL NEVER REST I CAN'T MOVE ON

WITHOUT HER
PLEASE
COME BACK TO ME
SAFE AND SOUND
SAFE AND SOUND

Meadowlark

COME APOLLO PLAY YOUR MUSIC
LET THE BLOSSOMS BLOOM AGAIN
IN THE FIELDS FROM GREY TO GOLD
MOTHER DAUGHTER HAND IN HAND

AND THE MORNING SONG
OF THE MEADOWLARK
IS THE SAME MELODY OF LOVE
THAT SINGS IN BOTH THEIR HEARTS

DOWN IN THE VALLEY
THE COLORS ARE BURSTING
THE WHEAT AND THE BARLEY AND GRAINS MULTIPLY
YELLOWS AND PURPLES AND GREENS ARE CONVERSING
HALLOW THE GLORIOUS SPRINGTIME'S REPLY

AND THE MORNING SONG
OF THE MEADOWLARK
IS THE SAME MELODY OF LOVE

THAT SINGS IN BOTH THEIR HEARTS

SOMETIMES A MYSTERY
TAKES US DOWN A ROAD
LEADS TO A DEEPENING
ASKING US TO GROW HERE WITH OUR LONELINESS
THE SEEDS THAT WE SOW
HELPS US FIND ANOTHER WAY
ANOTHER WAY HOME

AND THE MORNING SONG
OF THE MEADOWLARK IS THE SAME MELODY OF LOVE
THAT SINGS IN BOTH THEIR HEARTS

Orpheus & Eurydice

ONE MORE DAY
ONE MORE NIGHT I CRY MYSELF TO SLEEP
ONCE I HAD HAPPINESS
THE SWEETNESS IN HER EYE
NOW ALL I HEAR IS GOODBYE

BY MY SIDE
WALKING WITH ME
MY DEPARTED BRIDE
ONCE I HAD HAPPINESS
RINGING LIKE A BELL
NOW ALL I HEAR IS FAREWELL



Narcissus & Echo

Echo's Song

IT HAPPENED ON A SATURDAY
THE NYMPHS WENT ON A HOLIDAY
SPECIFICALLY NAIROBI, ELOISA AND ELIZA MAY
THE LADY BUGS WERE ALL A FLIT
WITHOUT THE NYMPHS TO WRITE A SKIT
ABOUT THE BLOOMS BENEATH THE WOOD

THAT I DON'T LIKE A BIT
WHY DON'T I LIKE THE BLOOMS YOU MAY WONDER?
WELL I ALSO AM NOT PARTIAL TO THE THUNDER
IT CAN BE LOUD BOOMING SPOOKY TERRITORY
BUT I DON'T WANT TO THINK ON IT
LET'S GO ON WITH THE STORY

SO THEN THE BLUE BIRDS WENT A FLUTTER
CHARLES THE BEAR ATE PEANUT BUTTER
EVERYONE KNOW THAT'S NO GOOD
BUT FROM US NOT A SINGLE UTTER



CAUSE WE'RE TO SHY TO TELL THE BEAR
OR MAYBE TRULY WE'RE TOO SCARED
TO TRY AND TELL A GIANT BEAR ANYTHING
UTTER UTTER UTTER UTTER
I'M THINKING OF A COW

EVELYN TOLD THOMAS
THAT SHE THOUGHT HE BROKE HIS PROMISE
ON THE DAY SHE DANCED A POLKA
AND HE WORE HIS STRIPED PAJAMAS
AND THEN THERE WAS AURORA
WHO EXCLAIMED SHE WAS ALL FOR A
SEWING COMPETITION IN ADDITION
THAT DID NOT PLEASE CORA
WHY DO YOU THINK IT DID NOT PLEASE OUR CORA?
WELL I KNOW SHE HAD A FIGHT WITH LEONORA
WHO LIKED TO SEW IN CIRCLES
BUT WAS CHOOSY WHO GOT IN
AND NOW THE THREADS AND NEEDLES ARE ALL GONE

THAT'S THE NEWS
IN GREENS AND BLUES
YOU CANT REFUSE
TO HEAR THE NEWS
THAT'S THE NEWS
IN BLACK AND WHITE
I'LL HAVE MORE TO TELL YOU
LATER ON TONIGHT

YESTERDAY A NIGHTINGALE
FELL ON A ROCK AND BROKE HER TAIL
WE WRAPPED IT IN A JACKET
WHEN SHE MADE A SHOCKING CRY AND WAILED
ALL THE BIRDS BEGAN TO TWEET
IN THE WOOD AND IN THE HEAT

YOU CANNOT FIX A FEATHERED TAIL WITHOUT A BADGERS TEETH
WHY DO YOU NEED THE BADGERS TEETH YOU ASK
WELL YOU ALSO NEED A SILVER COATED FLASK
TO POUR THE ELDER FLOWER IN THE BIRDIE'S EAR
AND THAT IS WHAT WILL SURELY FIX THE TAIL
BIRDIE BIRDIE BIRDIE BIRDIE
IT'S REALLY FUN TO SAY

THAT'S THE NEWS
IN GREENS AND BLUES
YOU CANT REFUSE
TO HEAR THE NEWS
THAT'S THE NEWS
IN BLACK AND WHITE
I'LL HAVE MORE TO TELL YOU
LATER ON TONIGHT

It's Not Nice to Be Mean

IT'S NOT NICE TO BE MEAN
WHEN IT TAKES SO LITTLE EFFORT
TO BE KIND
WHEN YOU'VE SEEN
HOW SHE LAID HER HEART BARE
WHAT WOULD IT TAKE
TO BE POLITE
IT WOULDN'T COST A THING
DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S NOT NICE TO BE MEAN

YOU'VE GOT THE WORLD AT YOUR FEET
GIRLS ARE HANGING ON YOUR EVERY WORD
THEY COMPETE
JUST TO STEAL A GLANCE
AND THOUGH ECHO TOOK A CHANCE
THE TRUTH YOU COULDN'T GLEAN
DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S NOT NICE TO BE MEAN

BEAUTY IS NOT ONLY ON THE OUTSIDE
IT'S HOW YOU TREAT YOUR FRIENDS THAT MATTERS MORE

YOU MAY THINK THIS IS A GAME
SAYING THINGS THAT HURT SOMEBODY'S FEELINGS
UNASHAMED YOU GO
SO LET ME LEAVE YOU WITH THIS
THERE IS NOTHING IN BETWEEN
IT'S NEVER NICE
NOT EVER NICE
NO THANK YOU WOULD SUFFICE/DON'T THINK TWICE
IT'S NEVER NICE TO BE MEAN

Get a Little Closer to You

I LIKE THE WAY THAT YOU SMILE
I LIKE THE GREEN IN YOUR EYE
I LIKE THE RED IN YOUR LIPS
MY HEART'S IN A TWIST
I WANT TO GET A LITTLE CLOSER TO YOU

YOU'RE ADORABLE CHIN
AND THOSE EDIBLE EARS
YOUR IMPECCABLE CHEEK
MMM MY BODY IS WEAK
I WANT TO GET A LITTLE CLOSER TO YOU

WHY DO YOU KEEP DISAPPEARING
EVERY TIME THAT WE KISS
YOUR POUT SO ENDEARING
I'M A BUCKET OF BLISS

LET ME SING ABOUT YOUR HAIR
SHINES LIKE THE GOLDEN SUN
AND YOUR DELICATE SKIN
OH THE TROUBLE I'M IN
I WANT TO GET A LITTLE CLOSER TO YOU

I'M A LUCKY BOY
I'VE FOUND MY LOVE AND JOY
NO QUESTION ABOUT IT
I'M TICKLED, I'LL SHOUT IT

YOU'RE THE BELLE OF THE BALL
BEAUTY BEYOND COMPARE
A JEWEL TO BE TREASURED
EACH FEATURE UNMEASURED
I WANT TO GET A LITTLE CLOSER
I WANT TO GET A LITTLE CLOSER TO YOU.

Cupid & Psyche

Psyche's Song

WHAT DO YOU MEAN PAPA SENDING ME SO FAR AWAY
FAR FROM MY MOTHER FORM MY SISTERS FROM MY
HOME?
I'M NOT FULLY GROWN
JUST SEVENTEEN
PAPA, THINK WHAT THIS COULD MEAN

UP ON A BLUFF I WILL BE WAITING THERE
BLINDFOLDED
HOW COULD YOU THINK THAT THIS IS SOMETHING I'D
ENDURE?
HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE
WHAT WILL HAPPEN THEN
THINK AGAIN PAPA
THINK AGAIN

I COULD TEND THE SHEEP
I COULD WEAR A BOY'S DISGUISE
NO ONE THEN WOULD RECOGNIZE
YOU'D NEVER NEED APOLOGIZE
NO ONE THEN WOULD EVER KNOW MY NAME

I WOULD NOT GO OUT
I I'D JUST STAY INDOORS
MAKE THE BED
MOP THE FLOORS
HELP MOTHER WITH HER DAILY CHORES
NO ONE THAN WOULD EVER KNOW MY NAME

I COULD LEARN A TRADE
BUILD BRIDGES CLIMB MOUNTAINS
I'D NEVER PAPA EVER COMPLAIN

MAKE OFFERINGS TO DEMETER
IN SPRINGTIME I COULD TEND TO HER
FIELDS AND GRAINS AND WILLOW TREES



PAPA, THINK HOW THIS WILL END
THINK AGAIN

DON'T MAKE ME DO WHAT I'LL REGRET
TO MARRY SOMEONE I'VE NOT MET
DON'T SAY YOUR FINAL ANSWER YET PLEASE
PAPA, THINK OF WHO I AM
THINK AGAIN

Strike Before You Fall

YOU'RE TELLING US YOU NEVER LAID YOUR EYES ON THE MAN
WHEN YOU'RE SHARING ALL YOUR SECRET WE DON'T UNDERSTAND
IF HE'S SOMEONE WHO
YOU'RE TRUSTING TO
BE ALWAYS ON YOUR SIDE
SISTER! WHAT DOES HE HAVE TO HIDE?

YOU'VE GOT TO LIGHT A LAMP
BRING IT TO THE BED
TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR HUSBAND'S HEAD
AND SEE IF HE IS HUMAN AFTER ALL
BRING A DAGGER JUST IN CASE
WHEN YOU LOOK UPON HIS UGLY FACE
YOU'LL BE READY TO STRIKE
STRIKE BEFORE YOU FALL

WHAT IF HE'S A SERPENT
OR A MONSTER WITH A TAIL?
HE COULD BE A FOUR EYED DRAGON
WITH A CROOKED FINGERNAIL
HE COULD HAVE YOU FOR HIS DINNER
AND WE'D NEVER KNOW YOU CRIED
SISTER! WHAT DOES HE HAVE TO HIDE?

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YOU'LL BE READY TO STRIKE
STRIKE BEFORE YOU FALL

Venus' Song

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING
WHEN YOU MANAGED WITHOUT BLINKING
TO BETRAY THE GOD OF LOVE ON A WHIM?
DID YOU NEVER JUST CONSIDER
WHEN YOUR BRAIN WAS ALL A TWITTER THE INFRACTIONS OF YOUR ACTIONS AGAINST HIM?

DID YOU THINK YOU COULD TAKE LIGHTLY
SUCH A PROMISE OR IT MIGHT BE
THAT YOU HUMANS HAVE NO HEART TO REALLY SPEAK OF FOR TELL ME NOW THE REASON
YOU WOULD BREAK HIS HEART

IT'S TREASON
AND TO THINK MY SON WAS YOURS- THE GOD OF LOVE

GO DOWN AWAY FROM HERE
YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH DESTROYING FOR THE DAY
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A PEASANT
AND THE SIGHT OF YOU, UNPLEASANT
YOU'RE A SELFISH GIRL WHO HAD TO HAVE HER WAY

IT'S REALLY SUCH A PITY
WHEN A GIRL WHO THINKS SHE'S PRETTY
DOESN'T HAVE A CONSCIENCE FOR WHAT'S RIGHT OR WRONG AND SITS NOW ALL DESPAIRING
WHILE SHE BEGS HER CASE DECLARING
SHE IS SORRY THAT SHE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE STRONG

ARE YOU REALLY SO DIMWITTED THAT YOU STILL CANNOT ADMIT IT
YOU BETRAYED THE ONLY GOOD THING THAT YOU HAD
THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO SAY HERE
EXCEPT THIS- "BE ON YOUR WAY DEAR"
HE'S NEVER, PSYCHE, EVER COMING BACK

GO, GO AWAY FROM HERE
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A CURSE UPON OUR HOME
WE DON'T NEED A CONVERSATION
WHEN YOU'VE BROUGHT SUCH DEVASTATION
I'M TELLING YOU GET OUT- LEAVE HIM ALONE!

Cupid's Song

FROM THE SHADOWS
LOVE UNRAVELS AND
BRINGS A HOLY LIGHT
ON THE MOUNTAIN
BY THE WATER BURNING THROUGH THE NIGHT

ONCE IN A LIFETIME
YOU ARE LOST IN A MOMENT
WHEN YOU FIND YOUR ONE TRUE LOVE

SWIFT LIKE AN EAGLE
SOAR LIKE A SEAGULL
HIGH IN THE CLOUDS ABOVE

RISING,
SLEEPING
WAKING
REACHING
ARM IN ARM THEY GO
OPENHEARTED
NEVER PARTED
THE SWEETNESS
THEY NOW KNOW



