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**GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES
THE MAID OF BRAKEL**

Jacob Ludwig Grimm and Wilhelm Carl Grimm

Grimm, Jacob (1785-1863) and Wilhelm (1786-1859) - German philologists whose collection "Kinder- und Hausmarchen," known in English as "Grimm's Fairy Tales," is a timeless literary masterpiece. The brothers transcribed these tales directly from folk and fairy stories told to them by common villagers. The Maid of Brakel (1812) - A girl sings for a husband in St. Anne's chapel. A clerk answers her song in a gruff voice, but the child thinks it is the child Mary who has spoken.

MAID OF BRAKEL

A GIRL from Brakel once went to St. Anne's Chapel at the foot of the Hinnenberg, and as she wanted to have a husband, and thought there was no one else in the chapel, she sang, "Oh, holy Saint Anne! Help me soon to a man.

Thou know'st him right well, By Suttmer gate does he dwell.

His hair it is golden, Thou know'st him right well." The clerk, however, was standing behind the altar and heard that, so he cried in a very gruff voice, "Thou shalt not have him! Thou shalt not have him!" The girl thought that the child Mary who stood by her mother, Anne, had called out that to her. She became angry and cried, "Hush, you conceited thing.

Hold your tongue, and let your mother speak!"

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