

**550 BC**

**AESOP'S FABLES**

**THE DOVE AND THE ANT**

**Aesop**

Aesop (620-560 BC) - A Greek writer and/or collector of fables about whose life little is known. He is said to have been born a slave and later released, but many believe he is a legendary figure. Aesop's Fables are animal stories with moral lessons, many of which are from Oriental and ancient sources dated hundreds of years before his time. The Dove and the Ant (550 BC) - "Little friends may prove great friends."

***THE DOVE AND THE ANT***

An Ant, going to a river to drink, fell in, and was carried along in the stream.

A Dove pitied her condition, and threw into the river a small bough, by means of which the Ant gained the shore. The Ant afterward, seeing a man with a fowlingpiece aiming at the Dove, stung him in the foot sharply, and made him miss his aim, and so saved the Dove's life.

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**THE END**