

**550 BC**

**AESOP'S FABLES**

**THE FOX AND THE MASK**

**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 Fox and the Mask (550 BC) - "Outside show is a poor substitute for inner worth."

***THE FOX AND THE MASK***

A fox had by some means got into the store-room of a theatre. Suddenly he observed a face glaring down on him, and began to be very frightened; but looking more closely he found it was only a Mask, such as actors use to put over their face. "Ah," said the Fox, "you look very fine; it is a pity you have not got any brains." Outside is a poor substitute for inner worth.

**THE END**