

**550 BC**

**AESOP'S FABLES**

**THE ROSE AND THE AMARANTH**

**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 Rose and the Amaranth (550 BC) - "Greatness carries its own penalties."

***THE ROSE AND THE AMARANTH***

Rose and an Amaranth blossomed side by side in a garden, and the Amaranth said to her neighbor, "How I envy you your beauty and your sweet scent! No wonder you are such a universal favorite." But the Rose replied with a shade of sadness in her voice, "Ah, my dear friend, I bloom but for a time: my petals soon wither and fall, and then I die. But your flowers never fade, even if they are cut; for they are everlasting." Greatness carries its own penalties.

**THE END**