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The Ugly Duckling

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The story tells of a plain-looking little duck born in a barnyard.

His brothers and sisters as well as the other ducks and animals on the farm tease him for being black and ugly, even for the mom he was ugly, so he runs off to live with a flock of wild duck and geese until hunters shoot down the flock. Alone again, the ugly duckling finds a home with an old woman, but her cat and hen (female bird) also tease him, so he doesn't stay there for long.

In his wanderings, the ugly duckling comes across a flock of migrating swans, and he wishes to join the but can't because he's too young and can't fly well enough.

When winter sets in, a farmer rescues the ugly duckling, but the farmer's children and other animals frighten him with their noise and teasing, so again, he flees.

He spends a cold and lonely winter hiding in a cave until springtime, when the flock of swans comes to the lake near his hiding place.

When the ugly duckling approaches the swans, he's delighted to find that they accept him and treat him like one of them.

When he looks at his reflection in the lake, he realizes, to his astonishment, that he's matured into a beautiful swan himself.

When the swans fly off from the lake, he spreads his wings and joins them, finally having found a family who accept him.

The ugly duckling is one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved fairy tales.

The story of the duckling who is rejected by his family and friends because he is different, only to be accepted in the end, has resonated with readers for generations. This tale speaks to the importance of being true to oneself, and shows that beauty is only skin deep.

Whether you're a child who is feeling different or an adult who has ever felt like an outsider, the ugly duckling is a story that will warm everybody's heart.