
















# Cendrillon



 Madame de la Haltière prepares her daughters, Noémie  and Dorothee ,  
For the royal ball, hoping one will catch the eye of the prince.  
The family depart for the ball but her husband, Pandolfe  is  
Saddened  that his own daughter, Lucette, is left behind.






 Lucette, known to all as Cendrillon, finishes her chores, wishing her fate were brighter.  
She dreams of going to the ball. The Fairy  Godmother arrives -   
She rallies spirits, goblins and insects to create finery for Cendrillon to attend  
The ball...she is warned to return by midnight! 

At the ball, the King  demands the Prince  choose a bride  
But the anguished Prince would rather wed for  love.  
When Cendrillon appears, he is entranced- He pledges his love to her as   
The clock strikes midnight. She flees, leaving a slipper behind...

Returning home, the family gossips about the unknown girl at the ball.  
They surmise the Prince rejected her. Cendrillon is visibly upset   
Pandolfe comforts her promising they will return to the farm where they  
Were happy together before he married.

Lucette, fears she brings her father unhappiness and that the Prince will never accept her.  
She runs into the night hoping to die beneath the Fairy Oak. 

 Meanwhile, the Prince longing for his love, wanders the moor.   
The Fairy raises a wall of flowers between them to prevent their seeing each other.  
Both pour out their hearts to the Fairy and recognize each other's voices.  
She allows them to see each other but puts them into a sleep so they will think the night was a dream.

Lucette is found unconscious  and lies for months in a fever.  
Awaking she imagines her entire adventure was a dream. But then, heralds  announce  
The Prince is receiving princesses to see which fits the slipper of the girl he loved and lost.   
Hearing this, Cendrillon realizes her experience was no dream-she calls on the Fairy for help.  
 The Fairy transports her to the castle where the Prince is dying of a broken heart.   
Seeing Lucette he revives- All rejoice at the reunion of the young lovers!