

# Hansel and Gretel

Hansel and Gretel are distracted from chores by hunger. They dance to cheer themselves.

Mother - furious about their unfinished tasks - Accidentally breaks the jug full of milk in frustration.

She sends them off to pick strawberries in the woods and weeps

At having nothing to feed her starving children.

Father returns home with food and drink but is frightened to learn

The children are in the forest of the gingerbread witch -

Who eats children that she lures with sweets and cakes.

Hansel and Gretel eat all the berries they picked.

In the dark they can find no more - nor can they find the way home.

When the sandman arrives, they become drowsy, say their prayers,

And fall asleep protected by angels.

When the dew fairy wakes the children, they discover a magical house

Made of cake, surrounded by gingerbread children.

Hungry, the children nibble at the house and are caught by - The Witch!

Her magic wand prevents their escape. She plans to fatten Hansel and eat Gretel now.

When she orders Gretel to bend into the oven to check the gingerbread,

Gretel pretends she doesn't understand.

When the witch demonstrates, they push her into the oven and slam the door shut!

They use the magic wand to release the bewitched gingerbread children.

The baked gingerbread Witch is pulled from the oven. Father and Mother arrive

To marvel how the witch was caught in her own trap according to heavens plan!

In time of greatest need heaven provides!