

## **The Dog, the Chicken, and the Fox**

A dog and a chicken are best friends. They wish to see the world, so they decide to leave their farmyard.

The chicken is looking for a place to rest, so he finds a hollow tree. He thinks it would do very nicely for a night's lodging. The dog could creep inside and the chicken could fly up on one of the branches.

The Chicken wakes up. For a moment he forgets where he is. He thinks he is still in the farmyard, so he is standing on his tip-toes. Instead of awakening the farmer, he wakes a fox not far off in the woods. The fox immediately has visions of a very delicious breakfast. Hurrying to the tree where the chicken is roosting, the fox says very politely: "Welcome to our woods, sir. I cannot tell you how glad I am to see you here. I am quite sure we shall become the closest of friends."

"I feel highly flattered, kind sir," replies the chicken slyly. "If you will go around to the door of my house at the foot of the tree, my porter will let you in." The fox goes around the tree, and in a flash the dog seizes him.