

The Bubble, the Straw, and the Bast Shoe — Version 1

Once upon a time, there lived a bubble, a straw, and a bast shoe. They went to the forest to chop firewood. When they reached a river, they didn't know how to cross it. The bast shoe said to the bubble, "Bubble, let's swim across on you!" "No, bast shoe," said the bubble, "let the straw stretch from bank to bank, and we'll cross over it." The straw stretched across, the bast shoe started walking on it, and it snapped. The bast shoe fell into the water, and the bubble laughed and laughed—until it burst!