



One day, a mysterious package arrived for the Emperor. It was an *artificial* nightingale, made of diamonds, rubies and sapphires. It even sang like a real bird, though certainly not as beautifully. "They must sing together!" cried the Emperor, delighted. But when the servants went to fetch the nightingale from her cage, they discovered that she was gone. No one had noticed her fly out the open window, back to her green woods.