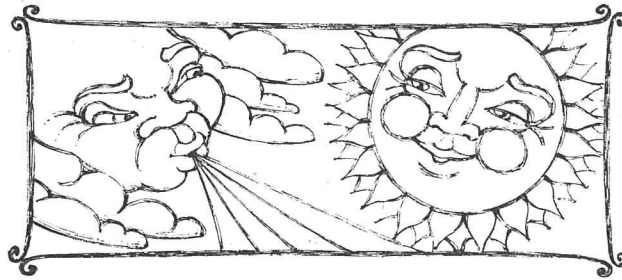


The Wind and the Sun

An Aesop's fable retold by Jenny Giles



Once upon a time, the wind said to the sun, "I am much stronger than you! I can blow leaves from the trees, and I can make clouds move across the sky!"

"Ah, yes," answered the sun.

"But I can melt the snow on the mountains, and turn it into water."

While they were arguing, a traveller came walking along the road below them.

He was wearing a warm cloak.

"I will blow that man's cloak away," said the wind. "Then you will believe that I am stronger than you."

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The wind whistled and howled and roared.
But the man only pulled his cloak
more tightly around him.

The sun came quietly out from behind
a cloud and said, "Now it is my turn.
I will show you how strong I am."
The sun began to shine brightly
down from the sky.

As he walked along, the man became
warmer and warmer. The sun kept shining
down on him. After a while,
the man became very hot indeed.

He stopped walking, and took off his cloak.

"There!" said the sun to the wind.
"As you can see,
I am much stronger than you!"

And so the argument between the wind
and the sun was settled, once and for all.