Three Fables- Shamwaa the Songbird

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Shamwaa the Songbird

Shamwaa Songbird
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Singing Sweetly Shamwaa Songbird

Nesting flying o'er the apple orchard

Shamwaa built her nest from fallen twigs and long, soft pine needles. She shaped it like a lotus bowl in the fork of three branches of an apple tree. Shamwaa loved the orchard, she loved her nest, and, oh, how beautiful the apple blossoms were. She was getting ready for summer when she would raise her babies 'midst the orchard. She was happy; the apple trees were happy, too. They would say

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and she would sing.

One day a great flock of birds visited the apple
orchard. They stayed at the orchard for six days, eating, flying and singing. Shamwaa taught them many songs; she was a gracious hostess. On the evening of the sixth day, while Shamwaa sang, a great cloud of sticky liquid fell upon the orchard from a great silver bird that made a loud noise like thunder. Shamwaa only felt wet at first but when she ruffled her feathers they didn't dry. Her skin began to burn and her feathers matted. The other birds felt ill, too. Soon, one bird dropped from an apple tree, then another, and then another. Shamwaa felt very sick, so she snuggled down into her nest and dreamed that all the trees in the orchard were singing to her. They sang

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and then Shamwaa died.