

CHINTAN

How the Little Kite Learned to Fly

'I never can do it,' the little kite said,
As I looked at the other high over his head;
'I know I should fall if I tried to fly.'
'Try,' said the big kit; 'Only try!
Or I fear you will never learn at all.'
But the little kite said, 'I' am afraid I'll fall.'

The big kite nodded: 'Ah, well, good-bye;
I'm off'; and he rose toward the tranquil sky.
Then the little kite's paper stirred at the sight,
And trembling, he shook himself free for
flight.

First whirling and frightened, then braver grown,
Up, up he rose through the air alone,
Till the big kite looking down could see
The little kite rising steadily.

Then how the little kite thrilled with pride,
As he sailed with the big kite side by side!
While far below, he could see the ground,
And the boys like small spots moving around.
They rested high in the quiet air,
And only the birds and the clouds were there.
'Oh, how happy I am!' the little kite cried,
'And all because I was brave and tried.'

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