

Childhood of Ji-shib'

Sun, and the Sun looked down on him and touched him gently and said, "I am Seegwung, I am the Spring." A-mi-kons felt his own little heart breathe, and soon he heard it lisping, "I am Seegwung, I am the Spring," and he touched his nose and it did not hurt at all.

He leaned out over the edge of the post to look at his face in the water to see whether his nose was swollen—when all at once a shadow flitted under him, and he looked up. There, poised in the air like a humming-bird before a flower, he saw O-gish-ke-mun-ne-sa, the king-fisher.

Suddenly the kingfisher dropped toward the water until he was not higher than a wild plum tree, and there he poised again and turned his head to one side and peered into the water looking for little fishes. Down he dropped again, making the water splash as he dived into it, and caught a minnow for his breakfast. When A-mi-kons saw that the kingfisher flew away again and was not injured the little skeptic caught himself saying, "Of course it's all water, I knew it was."

