

A FRIEND TO NONE, A STRANGER TO ALL.

(From Aesop's Fables)

He that is neither for one or another is friend to none and a stranger to all.

You cannot be on both sides of the fence.

In life make you stand clear

A war was about to break off between the Birds and the Beasts. When the two armies were collected together the Bat hesitated which to join. The Birds that passed his perch said: "Come with us"; but he said: "I am a Beast."

Later on, some Beasts who were passing underneath looked up and said: "Come with us"; but he said: "I am a Bird."

Luckily at the last moment peace was made, and no battle took place, so the Bat came to the Birds and wished to join in their rejoicings, but they all turned against him. He then went to the Beasts, but he had to run for safety or else they would have torn him to pieces. "Ah," said the Bat, "And now, where shall I go? Who will stand for me?"