

## **The Little Boy and Miss Fortune**

*(From Aesop's Fables)*

**Do not blame God or others for your follies and misfortunes  
Be prudent.**

A little boy wearied with a long journey, lay down overcome with fatigue on the very brink of a deep well. Being within an inch of falling into the water, Dame Fortune, it is said, appeared to him, and waking him from his slumber, thus addressed him: "Little boy, pray wake up: for had you fallen into the well, the blame will be thrown on me, and I would get an ill name among mortals.

You know men are sure to blame me for their calamities when most of the times, they brought them on themselves through their folly.."