THE LARK AND HER YOUNG ONES

(Aesop's Fable)

If you want a work done, do it yourself By trusting others to do your work, your work will finally remain undone..

A Lark had made her nest in the early spring on the young green wheat field. The brood who had almost grown to their full strength heard the owner of the field say: "The time has come when I must ask all my neighbors to help me to reap the harvest

The young Larks told their mother what they heard. And inquired where they should move for safety. "There is no hurry to move yet" she replied; "A man who only asks his friends to help him with his harvest is not really in earnest.

"The owner of the field came again a few days later and when he saw the wheat shedding the grain from excess of ripeness, said, "I will come myself tomorrow with my laborers, and I will get in the harvest." The Lark on hearing these words said to her brood, "It is time now for us to be off, my little ones, for the man is in earnest this time; he no longer trusts his friends, but will reap the field himself."