

THE OAK AND THE REEDS

(From Aesop's Fables)

Stoop, bend and humble yourselves to overcome the violent and strong.

A very large Oak was uprooted by a strong wind and thrown across a stream. It fell among some Reeds, which it thus addressed: "I wonder how you, who are so light and weak, are not entirely crushed by these strong winds."

They replied, "You fight and resist the wind, and so you are destroyed; while we on the contrary, bend and humble ourselves before the wind and so remain unbroken, and escape."