

## **THE FROG AND THE OX**

*(From Aesop's Fables)*

**Pride, self-conceit leads to self-destruction.  
Be happy being what you are.  
So not show off.**

"Oh Father," said a little Frog to the big one sitting by side of a pool, "I have seen such a terrible monster! It was as big as a mountain, with horns on its head, and a long tail, and with hoofs divided in two."

"Toot, child," said the old Frog, "that was only the Farmer's White Ox. It isn't so big; he may be a little bit taller than I, but I could easily make myself quite as broad. You just look"

So he blew himself out, and blew himself out, and blew himself out. "Was he as big as that?" asked he.

"Oh, much bigger than that," said the young Frog. Again, the old one blew himself out, and asked the young one if the Ox was as big as that. "Bigger, father, bigger," was the reply.

So the Frog took a deep breath, and blew and blew and blew, and swelled and swelled and swelled. And then he said: "I'm sure the Ox is not as big as me" But at this moment he burst.