



CLASS -III

ENGLISH - II

THE

WOODEN BOWL





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The old man was sad, but what could he do? He kept quiet and did not complain.

One evening, not long afterwards, Thekla and Manfred had finished work for the day and were getting the evening meal prepared. When the meal was ready, they called for Wilhelm. They looked in his room, but he was not there.

'Where could that boy be?' asked Thekla. Manfred had no idea. He asked the old man if he had seen Wilhelm, but the old man shook his head.

Thekla and Manfred became a little worried. They looked out on the street, but Wilhelm was not there. Then they saw a light on in the workshop. They went to look.

They stepped into the workshop and found their son sitting on a stool. He was cutting a small block of wood and working as hard as he could.

'Ah! There you are!' said Thekla.

'What are you making, son?' asked Manfred. Wilhelm put the block of wood and the chisel. He looked up at his parents.

'I am making a wooden bowl for you to eat from when you are old,' replied the boy.

The parents looked at each other. Their eyes filled with tears.

'Come, dinner is ready,' said Thekla softly and she put her arms round her son and the three of them went back to the house.

After this, Thekla and Manfred always





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asked the old grandfather to sit with them at the table.

(Adapted from a story by The Brothers Grimm)

Words to know.

Carve - to cut and shape wood or stone.

Clumsy - lacking skill or elegance; awkward.

Complain - to say you are unhappy about something.

daughter-in-law - the wife of your son.

earned - received money for work done.

Fetch - to go after and bring back something or somebody.

Furniture - movable items such as tables, chairs, desks, in a room.

