**The Wonderful Frog**

**Fairy Tale from Hungary**

There was once was a man who had three daughters. One day the father told the oldest girl, "Go, my daughter, and fetch me, some fresh water from the well."

The girl went, but when she came to the well a huge frog called out to her from the bottom, that he would not allow her to get water for her jug unless she threw him down the gold ring on her finger.

"Nothing else? Is that all you want?" replied the girl. "I won't give away my rings to such an ugly creature as you." And she returned as she came with the empty jug.

So the father sent the second girl; the frog would not let her have any water, as she refused to throw down her gold ring. Last, the father sent the youngest, "You go, Betsie, my dear, you have always been a clever girl. I'm sure you will be able to get some water, and will not allow your father to suffer thirst. Shame on your sisters!"

Betsie picked up the pitchers and went, but the frog again would not allow her to get the water unless she threw her ring down; but she, threw the ring in, and went home with a full jug of water.

That night, as soon as it got dark, the frog crawled out of the well. He went to the old man’s house and yelled, "Father-in-law! Father-in-law! I should like something to eat."

The man got angry, and called out to his daughters; "Give something in a broken plate to that ugly frog."

"Father-in-law! Father-in-law! This won't do for me; I want some meat on a tin plate," said the frog.

"Give him something on a tin plate then, or else he will cast a spell on us," said the father.

The frog began to eat and then croaked: "Father-in-law! Father- in-law! I want something to drink."

"Give him something to drink in a broken pot," said the father.

"Father-in-law! Father-in-law! I won't have this; I want some wine in a nice jug."

"Give him some wine then," angrily called out the father.

He guzzled up his wine and began again, "Father-in-law! Father-in-law! I would like to go to sleep."

"Throw him some blankets in a corner," was the reply.

"Father-in-law! Father-in-law! I won't have that; I want a silk bed," croaked the frog. This was also given to him; but no sooner has he gone to bed than again he began to croak,"Father-in-law! Father-in-law! I want Betsie to keep me company."

"Go, my daughter, or this monster will cast a spell on us" said the father to the youngest daughter.

In the morning, when the father got up, he opened his eyes wide in, because the frog had disappeared, and by the side of Betsie they found a handsome man. Betsie and the man got married and lived happily ever after.