

# The Kingdom of Number

by Nell Smyth

In the Kingdom of Number where the hills are rolling green  
Live the King of that Kingdom, his fair daughter and queen.  
The skies are nearly always blue and filled with soft white cloud,  
If you listen closely you'll hear folk counting out aloud.

*King, queen and princess*

By twos and by fours and sometimes by ten  
All the parts of the earth right up to the heavens.

2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24

4 8 12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 44 48

10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 110 120

*flags passed along*

The palace is built of great strong walls  
Its ancient stone rising up very tall  
The turrets have roofs of the finest pink tile  
And colored flags atop of them flutter all the while.

Inside of the palace are numerous rooms  
Each one kept clean with the sweeping of brooms

The bedroom and bathrooms	both royal and guest
Are all finely appointed	and simply the best
The ballroom, the library,	the cellars and more
The observatory, conservatory,	and rooms by the score
The court wise man's thinking room,	with its tall winding stair
With steps that go up and down	and lead everywhere!
The kitchen all full	of the clatter of pans
Of steaming and simmering,	of baking, busy hands
The gardens have pathways.....	that go on and on
With rosebeds and green lawns	and lovely fish ponds

How to keep count with so much to tally?  
Of scores and of volumes and numerous amounts  
The king needs his gnomes who know how to count!  
For while Neat and Tidy help keep the palace quite clean  
Inside the Royal counting house other gnomes can be seen!  
Addam Plus is a gnome who loves numbers to grow,  
Times also loves big numbers and finds Adam rather slow.

Minus, on the other hand, likes numbers to shrink,  
Taking his time, he loves to think.  
Divide with his knife helps the numbers be shared  
While Equals always makes sure everything is fair.

*Neat Tidy King, Adam, Times, Minus, Divide and Equals*

These are the gnomes who solve problems all day  
And love to do sums more than go out and play  
These are the gnomes who set challenges by the score  
So that the King of this land might find a worthy son in law  
These are the gnomes who know how to share  
The challenge of a wedding cake made of 36 layers!

All challenges met and the right prince is found  
Princess Arara and Prince Albert to each other are bound  
Yet something is missing. We are not ready yet  
For a ring must be fetched from the dwarves where its kept  
This ring must be forged with a song from the heart  
To ensure in this marriage prince and princess never part.

Not counting gnomes nor wise men here can advise  
For this is where Prince Albert must prove how he's wise  
Must show how his heart beats in tune with the world  
So that a song may come forth showing love for this girl  
The beautiful princess, a maiden so bright  
She herself a song full of laughter and light!

*gnomes, king, queen, court wise man, prince and princess, court wise man*

The court wise man advises him to journey along  
Saying "Read the Book of Nature. There you'll find your song!"  
Prince Albert says farewell but he cannot rejoice  
For it can be quite hard to find your own voice

***Song of the Rooster--***

*Look! Look! Look at me!  
With a fine cox comb for all to see!  
Rooster dooster crows with joy!  
Am I not the world's finest boy?*

*Tail feathers glinting in the Sun  
Make me admired by everyone!  
Hens lay eggs while I greet the new day  
Come one and all and see my magnificent display!*

*Hens:  
Squawk, squawk all day long  
How we love this rooster's song  
Squawk, squawk night and day  
How we love his fine display!*

This fine boasting song hardly will serve  
For a Princess so full of wit, laughter and verve  
So Prince Albert rides off and soon hears the sound  
Of the wind as it whistles all around

### ***Song of the Wind***

*Soft breeze blowing, light warm flowing, skin all aglowing  
I am the wind!*

*Soft cooling, chilling, fooling ,playing, not staying  
I am the wind!*

*Gusting, blustering,howling, hustering, leaves all a flustering  
I am the wind*

*Whirling and twirling, turning and journeying,huffing and puffing  
I am the wind!*

*Barn doors banging, old gate clanging, the hungry wind's singing  
I am the Wind!*

*Wild, storm tossed and burbling, tornadoes and churning turning, lost in its yearning  
I am the wind!*

*Howling and heaving, hurricanes growing, waves high and hurling! Who plays with me?  
I am the wind!*

*North, south, east and west  
My gusting prowess is the best!*

The blasting power of the wind  
Is not a song for him to sing  
So letting forth a deep sad sigh  
Prince Albert searches further low and hig

### ***Song of the River***

*Rippling, rushing, rolling, rapid river rising  
Sings the river song.  
Slipping, slowing sliding  
Flowing glinting gliding  
Darting fish finding  
Sings the river song  
Cooling, cleaning refreshing  
Laughing, babbling, streaming  
Rolling, running gleaming  
Sing on and on!*

The cooling waters rushing by  
Have a green mossy bank where a prince might lie  
And as he sleeps by this silvery stream  
A song comes to him as if in a dream

*everyone falls asleep on the ground. Rises up slowly wit the sound of the flute*

***Prince Albert's Song***

*A song of birds that on the wing  
Praise you and all your beauties sing  
A song of breezes blowing soft  
And great wild winds that gust aloft*

*Journey far and journey wide  
Dive oceans deep, over mountains ride*

*A song of seas and fishes where  
Throngs of mermaids comb their hair  
In their purses lined with shell  
A mystery lies that few can tell*

*Journey far and journey wide  
Dive oceans deep, over mountains ride*

*Search for riddles in a field of beans  
Finding answers that make you my queen  
Listen to bird songs and creatures who tell  
Where love lies hidden like a tiny silver bell*

*Prince wakes up and moves back into group. Arch is formed for Prince to go under with Princess Arara as cannoneers appear from both sides with the cannon.*

*Cast of characters*

<b>Queen:</b>	Melissa
<b>King:</b>	Aidan/ Conall
<b>Princess:</b>	Loni
<b>Prince:</b>	Conall/Killian
<b>Court wise man:</b>	Gabriel
<b>Addam Plus:</b>	Tadhg
<b>Times:</b>	Ethan B.
<b>Minus:</b>	Megan
<b>Divide:</b>	James
<b>Equals:</b>	Saski
<b>Cook:</b>	Freya
<b>Neat:</b>	Aoife
<b>Tidy:</b>	Polly
<b>Cannoneers:</b>	Cian, Ethan D, Kes
<b>Trumpeter:</b>	Aidan

**Props:** flags, hens' feathers and roosters' feathers river cloth, rose flowers, cannon,

**Set:** station signs, party invites, wedding cake

**Music:** tones, flute, drum/bang