

opening extract from Goose in a Hole

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For my dear granddaughter Tatiana with love

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One night Katerina suddenly woke up. Something was wrong in her pond. "Where's all the water?" said Katerina.

"It's running down a big hole," said Charlie. "Well, run after it, quick!" said Katerina. "It must be going to a new pond somewhere else." So Charlie ran after the water, and Katerina ran after Charlie, and the goslings ran after Katerina, down the big hole.

In the morning everyone was very surprised to see what happened to the pond. "Where's all the water?" said Bert from the fruit shop. "And where's Katerina?" said Millie Buswell.

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"It must have gone down that big hole," said Miss Jones who taught dancing. "I will speak to my husband," said Mrs Patel from the paper shop. "He is very wise about the ways of water."