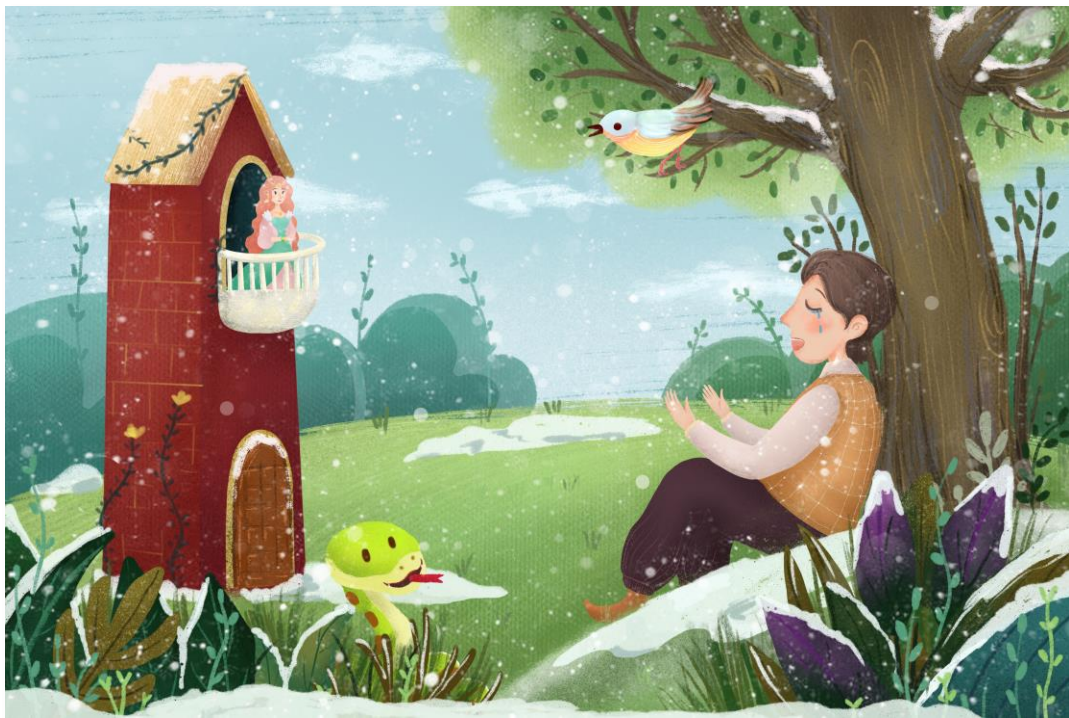# Lesson 178
The bird and the rose

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While-reading
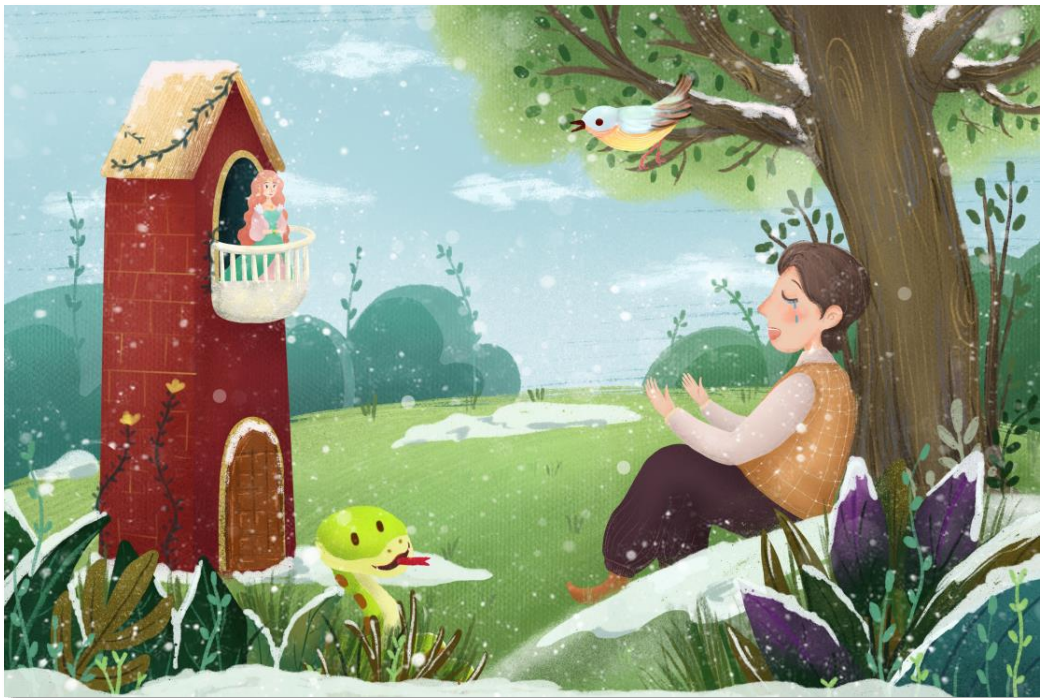
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Read and think

Read the story with your teacher.

One day in the winter, a student cried, "She is the most beautiful girl in the world! She said that she would dance with me at the party tonight if I brought her red roses. I cannot find them in that short time!"
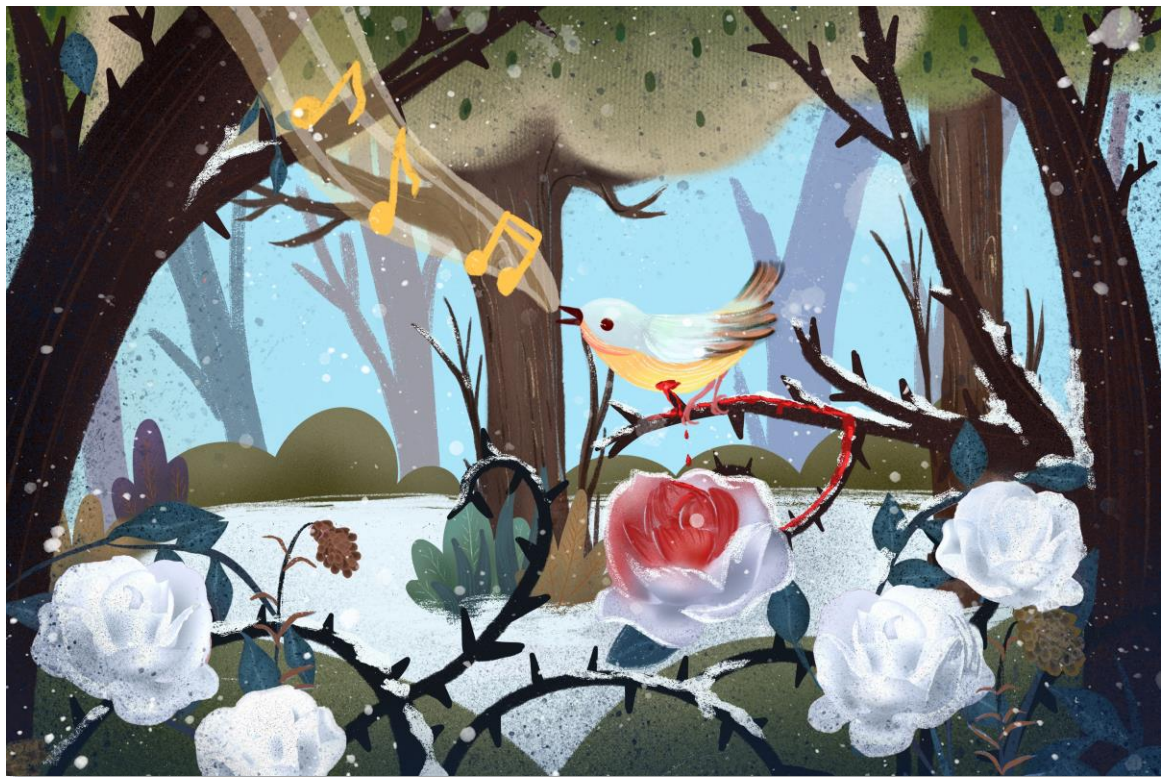
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"He is crying for useless love! How ridiculous（滑稽可笑的)!" A snake laughed. A bird heard him and thought, "Here at last is the true lover. I have sung for true love night after night. Surely love is the most precious thing in the world. It cannot be bought in the market."
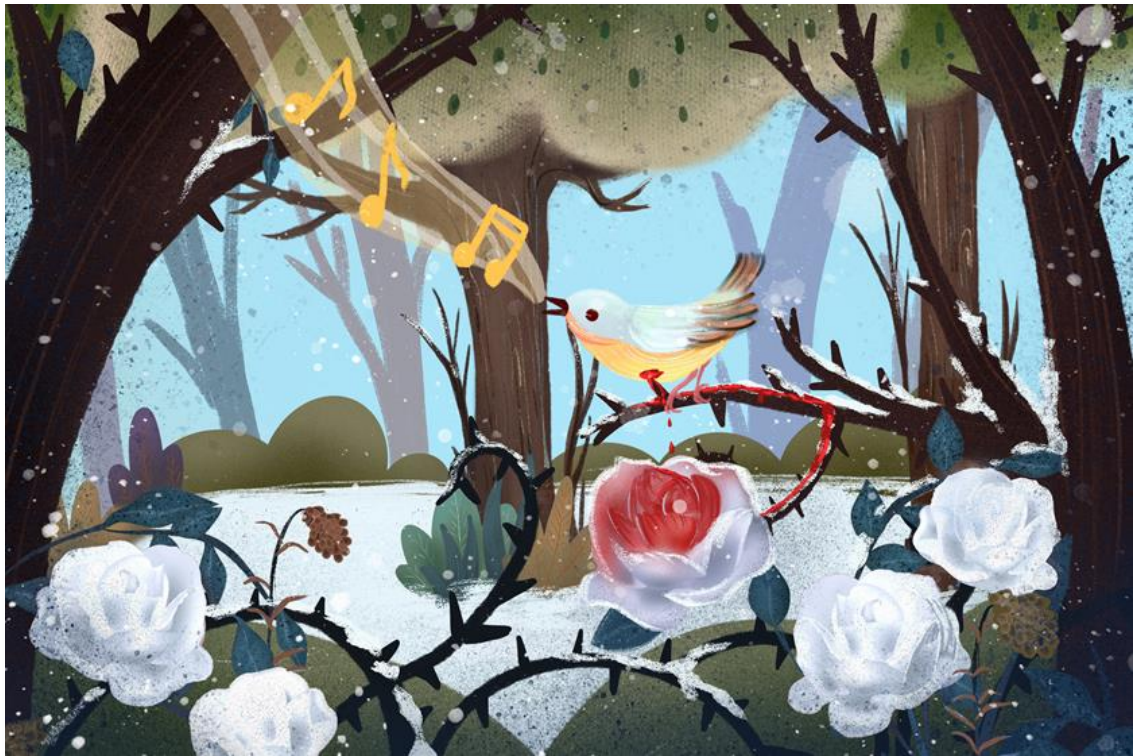
Suddenly the bird flew to a rose tree. "Give me a red rose. I will sing you my sweetest song," she cried.

"My roses are as red as the feet of the dove（鸽子）, "the tree answered, "but the winter has chilled (使…变冷) my veins. I shall have no rose at all this year."

"If you really want one, you must sing to me all day. The thorn (荆棘) of mine must pierce (穿透) your heart and stain (染红) it with your own heart's blood. Only in this way, your life-blood can flow into my veins, and become mine."

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"Death is a great price to pay for true love," cried the bird, "Life is very precious to all. Yet love is better than life, and what is the heart of a bird compared to the true love?"

"Look! The rose is finished now." cried the Tree, but the bird was lying dead in the long grass, with the thorn in her heart.
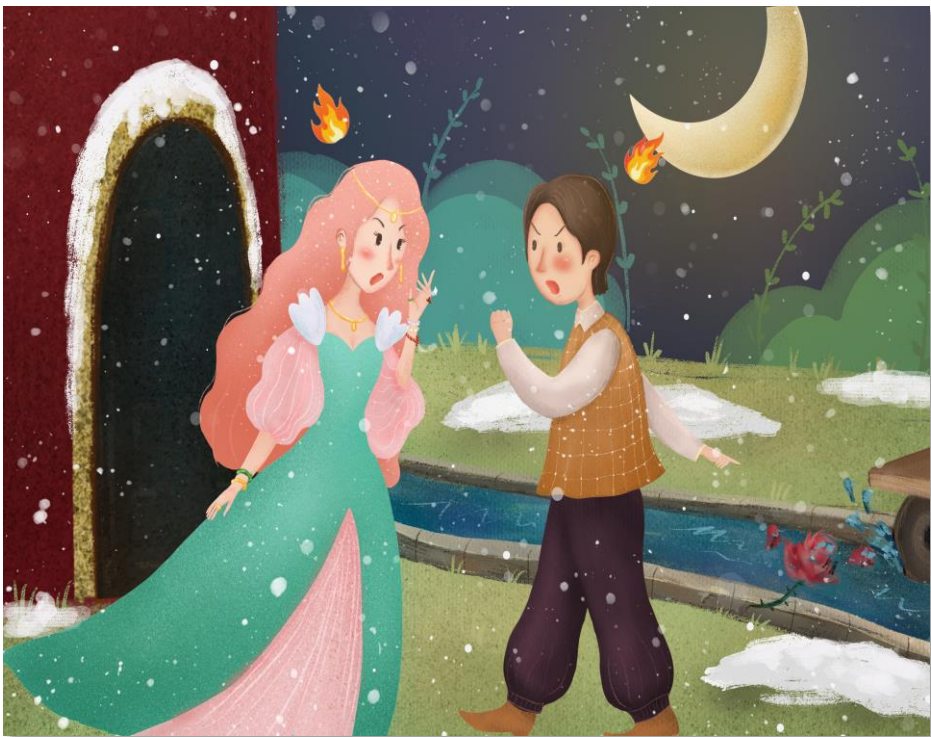
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The student found that rose.

He ran up to the girl with the rose in his hand. "Here is the reddest rose in the world. You will wear it next to your heart tonight, and as we dance together it will tell you how I love you." said the student.

"It will not go with (配不上) my dress," the girl frowned. "The prince has sent me some jewels (珠宝) that cost far more than flowers."

"You are very ungrateful ." He threw the rose into the street, where it fell into the gutter (排水沟), and a cart-wheel (车轮) went over it rudely.

"Ungrateful!" Said the girl. "You are very rude! Who are you? Only a poor student!" She got up from her chair and closed her door.

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"What a silly thing love is," Student walked away. "It is not half as useful as Logic, for it does not prove (证明) anything. In fact, it is quite useless and unreliable (不可靠的). In my age to be useful is everything, I shall go back to Logic (逻辑学)."

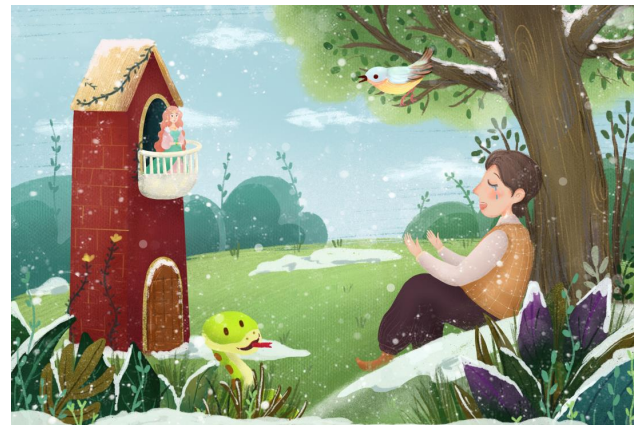He came back to his room and began to read a great logic book.

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Post-reading

Can you order the pictures according to the story?

See you next class!

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