

There was once a crow who lived in a tree by a waterhole.

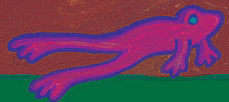
Crow was unhappy. Each morning, she stared into the water, and saw another crow staring back. Crow thought Crow-in-the-waterhole was the most wonderful bird she had ever seen. 'She looks like a crow who could change the world. I wish I could be like her.'

This went on until, finally, Crow flew away to seek her destiny, hoping to become as wonderful as Crow-in-the-waterhole.





Crow had not flown far when the air grew hot and she heard the crackle of flames. Looking down, she saw fire racing across the ground towards a tiny green gum tree. 'Please help me, Crow!' cried Little Gum. 'One day I will be a big tree where crows can make their nests. But now I am small and the fire will burn me up.'



Crow was very afraid of fire. But, remembering how much she loved her own tree by the waterhole, she launched herself downwards to pull Little Gum from the ground. She carried him until she found a river surrounded by many trees, and placed him gently on the earth.

