ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND

Lewis Carroll

ALICE: [Angrily] Why, how impolite of him. I asked him a civil question, and he pretended not to hear me. That›s not at all nice. [Calling after him] I say, Mr. White Rabbit, where are you going? Hmmm. He won›t answer me. And I do so want to know what he is late for. I wonder if I might follow him. Why not? There›s no rule that I mayn›t go where I please. I--I will follow him. Wait for me, Mr. White Rabbit. I'm coming, too! [Falling] How curious. I never realized that rabbit holes were so dark . . . and so long . . . and so empty. I believe I have been falling for five minutes, and I still can›t see the bottom! Hmph! After such a fall as this, I shall think nothing of tumbling downstairs. How brave they›ll all think me at home. Why, I wouldn›t say anything about it even if I fell off the top of the house! I wonder how many miles I›ve fallen by this time. I must be getting somewhere near the center of the earth. I wonder if I shall fall right through the earth! How funny that would be. Oh, I think I see the bottom. Yes, I›m sure I see the bottom. I shall hit the bottom, hit it very hard, and oh, how it will hurt!