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A nightingale, who had laid her eggs late in the season, was still hidden in the corn-crop though it was almost ripe. She began to worry that the crop might be harvested before her young ones were able to fly.



Whenever she left the nest, she always urged her chicks to keep their ears open and, upon



her return, tell her every word that they had heard. One evening, when she came back to the nest, she found her chicks in terror. The youngest spoke up, "The owner of the field told his sons today to go and ask their friends to come tomorrow and help them harvest the crop."

"Is that all?" smiled the nightingale.
"Don't be alarmed, my dear, because nothing will happen tomorrow. You will see for yourself."





Nobody shall come to harvest the crop," she added.

And she was right. The next morning none of the friends turned up. The farmer again sent for them to come for their help the next day. But this time too the nightingale was not worried at all.

Many days passed like that until one day she finally heard the farmer say to his sons, "I've had enough. Tomorrow we shall reap the





harvest ourselves. When there is work to be done, we cannot count on our friends to do it for us."

It was only then that the nightingale decided to leave the field. She took her chicks and flew swiftly away without losing any more time.



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Moral of the story : "Despite depend on others, we should do our own work by ourselves"

