

## Lonala·se.

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## Cousins

For six months Muskrat had been visiting rabbit's home. All through the winter he stayed there. When the time came for him to go home, he made preparations. Rabbit said, "I'll take you, I will."

Then the two of them went toward the river. There was ice floating by and muskrat jumped on it. He is standing on the ice as it is going along and he sang out, "I'm on my way home, cousin." Then rabbit sang back, "We'll go together, cousin."

Muskrat sang back, "You can't, cousin."

So it went on like that with them singing back and forth until muskrat went out of sight. Then rabbit was all alone, so he sat down and cried. He was really crying when bear appeared. He said, "Golly, the way he looks when he's crying here with such long ears."

Then rabbit stopped crying. He said, "That's not the reason I have such long ears that it was a trick. They used to tie rags on me when I was a child because they used to respect me so."