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Of Roads and Crossings

Once there was a chicken, Bock Bock. The chicken was standing on the side of the road. Then the devil came to the chicken and asked the chicken:

What is on the other side? Are you afraid of it? The road will take you to the other side ...of what exactly? The road, the stream, of life. Roads lead down so many paths. All will travel a different one. Do we expect greener pastures? Do we expect a richer happiness?

Take a step, why don’t you. Go and see. You can only spend so much of your life imagining what it’s like. Those greener pastures.

Are you tired? So tired. Tired of life. Tired of streams. Tired of the road. Too tired to cross it? Crossings are hard. Crossings take time. Crosses are for those who overcome. Do you cross? Or are you scared.

It’s okay if you are. That’s normal. But cross you must. Because eventually, all must cross. Take up your cross, the road isn’t going anywhere. Only you are. Aren’t you curious. Don’t you want to know what’s on the other side; dreams come true, or nightmares and nothingness. What’s on the other side?

The chicken crossed the road. People ask why. They say it was to get to the other side. Then they laugh, Bock Bock.