

## **The crow and the pitcher**

*A crow perishing with thirst saw a pitcher, and hoping to find water, flew to it with delight. When he reached it, he discovered to his grief that it contained so little water that he could not possibly get at it. He tried everything he could think of to reach the water, but all his efforts were in vain. At last he collected as many stones as he could carry and dropped them one by one with his beak into the pitcher, until he brought the water within his reach and thus saved his life.*

The moral of this story could be "Necessity is the mother of invention." Or "Little by little does the trick." *Fables* may be meant for children, but it is difficult to find an adult who is not amazed by the stories.