

The Little Boy and the Twelve Months

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It was the first month of spring (the month of Farvardin as called in Persian). The little boy went to a shop – a spring shop and bought a spring season. His mother spread the spring on the trees and they blossomed.

It was the second month of spring (the month of Ordibehesht). The little boy went to a shop - a sun shop, bought a sun and returned home with the sun. His mother placed the sun round the neck of a white horse in the yard and the house became shining with the sunlight.

It was the third month of spring (the month of Khordad). The little boy went to a shop - a moonlight shop, bought some moonlight and returned home. He put the moonlight upon the ceiling of the house and all the rooms in their house took the color of the moonlight.

It was the first month of summer (the month of Tir). The little boy went to a shop where summers were sold and bought a summer season. He returned home with that and his mother spread the summer on the trees. The trees bore fruits.

It was the second month of summer (the month of Mordad). The little boy went to a shop where stars were sold. He bought a few stars and returned home. He put the stars in the bowl in which they kept a little red fish and so the little fish was no longer lonely. It swam in the water together with the stars and the house was lit with the light of the stars.

It was the third month of summer (the month of Shahrivar). The little boy went to a shop - a blue sky shop, bought a blue sky and took it

home. His mother put it upon his bed sheet and it became white and blue.

It was the first month of autumn (the month of Mehr). The little boy went to a shop where autumns were sold. He bought an autumn, returned home and gave the autumn season to his mother who spread that on the trees. The leaves of the trees became yellow and started falling on the ground.

It was the second month of autumn (the month of Aban). The little boy went to a sea-shop, bought a sea and took it home. His mother put the oranges, apples and pomegranates in the sea and they took the color and sound of the sea.

It was the third month of autumn (the month of Azar). The little boy went to a rain-clouds-shop, and bought some rain-clouds. He took them home to put above flowers for his mother's hair.

It was the first month of the winter (the month of Dey). The little boy went to a winter-shop, bought a winter and returned home. He gave the winter to his mother who spread it on the trees. Then the trees were covered with snow.

It was the second month of the winter (the month of Bahman). The little boy went to a shadow-shop, bought some shadow and went home. His mother put the shadow upon the faces of the children who were sleeping in the Sun.

It was the third month of the winter (the month of Esfand). The little boy went to a week-shop. In that shop the days of a week were sold. He bought two days and returned home. His mother put the flowers, the seasons, the shadow, the moonlight, the stars, the sky, the sea, the rain-cloud upon those days.

The next spring, the little boy took all - the flowers, the season, the blue sky, the seas, the moon, the white horse and ... to his dreams.