

How Owl Got His Feathers

Long time ago, the animals had a big dance party in the forest once a year. Everyone was invited to the party. They always wore their beautiful clothes and had a good time dancing and eating.

One day, the birds decided to hold a wonderful dance party. They wanted every bird to be there. They sent Hawk to knock on all the birds' doors to invite them.

When Hawk got to Owl's house and gave him the invitation, Owl was worried because he didn't have feathers. Owl said, "All the other birds will be there in their fine feather suits. They'll make fun of me. I don't want to go. I want to stay at home."

Hawk told the other birds what Owl just said. They decided each one of them would lend Owl a feather so that he would have a fine suit of feathers and come to the dance party. Hawk collected the feathers of different colors and gave them to Owl. He told Owl that each feather must be returned to its owner after the party. Owl agreed and began to arrange the feathers very carefully. The next week, the

dance party began. Everyone at the party agreed that Owl looked very handsome in his new suit. He was so happy.

Owl enjoyed the praises given by others so that he didn't want to return the feathers. Then he quietly stole away from the party and hid in the forest.

When the party was over, the other birds looked for Owl so they could get their feathers back. But he was nowhere to be seen. To this day, Owl still wears that same fine suit, and the other birds are still looking for him. That is why Owl is never seen by day. He comes out only at night when other birds are sleeping.