

Lewis Carroll And so it was indeed. She was now only ten inches high. Alice felt a little nervous about shrinking any further. After a while, finding nothing more happened, she decided to go to the garden at once. But alas for poor Alice! When she got to the door, she found she had forgotten the key. And when she went back to the table to get it, she couldn't possibly reach it. Try as she might it was no use. Alice sat down and cried.

Alice There's no use in crying like that! I advise you to leave off this minute.

Lewis Carroll Suddenly, she noticed a small cake beside her. The words 'Eat me' were written on it in currants.

Alice Well I shall eat it! If it makes me grow larger, I can reach the key, and if it makes me grow smaller, I can creep under the door. Either way I'll get into the garden. (*Holding her hand on her head*) Which way? Which way? (*Eats some more*) Curiouser and curiouser! Now I'm opening out like the tallest telescope that ever was! Goodbye feet!

Lewis Carroll Alice was now more than nine feet high. At once, she took the little golden key and hurried off to the garden door. Lying down on one side it was all she could do to look into the garden with one eye. To try and get through was more hopeless than ever. She sat down and began to cry again.

Alice You ought to be ashamed of yourself – a great girl like you, to go on crying like this. Stop this moment, I tell you!

Lewis Carroll But she went on all the same, shedding gallons of tears until there was a large pool of tears all around her. Suddenly she heard a little pattering of feet in the distance.

White Rabbit Oh! The Duchess, the Duchess! Won't she be savage if I've kept her waiting?

I'M LATE! (Reprise)

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WHITE RABBIT

I'm late! I'm late!

If the Duchess has a minute to wait she'll have my head off.

Better get a move on 'cause I'm running out of time.

I'm late! I'm late!

If I cannot keep this crucial date there'll be no let off.

What am I to do? I'm going out of my mind! I'M LATE!!

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Alice If you please, sir ...

White Rabbit (*Startled*) I can't stop now. I'll be late! (*Hurries off, dropping gloves and fan*)

Alice (*Picks them up*) Dear, dear. How queer everything is today. (*Fans herself and starts to shrink*) Goodness! I'm shrinking again. It must be the fan. (*Throws it on the floor*) I never was so small as this before, never!

Lewis Carroll As she said these words her foot slipped and in another moment, splash! She was up to her chin in water. At first she thought she'd somehow fallen into the sea, but soon realised that