

ANDERSEN'S FAIRY TALES

The Emperor's New Clothes • The Ugly Duckling
The Little Match Girl • Big Claus and Little Claus and many more

Read by **Erica Johns**

The world of Hans Christian Andersen is seen through the eyes of children. There is the every-day wonder of an ugly duckling being transformed into a swan; the puffed-up Emperor being fooled by his own importance; the tender tragedy of a little match girl; the upright honesty of John rewarded by his travelling companion.

By bringing true feelings to these stories, Andersen's tales have become part of universal folk lore.



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