



CONTENTS

SPRING

The Thrush and His Anvil 3

Gillian and the Lamb 8

A Little Bit of Magic 15

Confetti and Bells 20

How Very Surprising! 25

The Easter Chickens 34

The Blackbirds' Secret 40

SUMMER

The Great Big Shell 47

The Little Fawn 53

Pockets in His Knees 63

Busy-One, Help Me! 68

The Cross Old Man 75

The Three Sailors 79

The Boy Who Wouldn't Bathe 89




A small illustration of a red squirrel sitting on a branch, holding an acorn in its paws. The squirrel is surrounded by golden-brown autumn leaves.

AUTUMN

- A Basket of Acorns 97
The Tale of Snips 103
Hot Potatoes 107
The Lovely Present 111
Blackberry Pie 115
The Little Toy Maker 119
Grandpa's Conker Tree 125

WINTER

- The Shivery Snowman 131
Jack Frost is About 141
The Squirrel and the Pixie 145
The Bonfire Folk 151
Bedrooms for the Birds 159
The Winter Wide-Awakes 169
Wanted – A Royal Snow-Digger 181
Santa's Workshop 189
- Acknowledgements 207
- 
- A small illustration of a robin perched on a dark blue branch. The robin has a bright red breast and a brown back. The branch is surrounded by dark blue leaves.