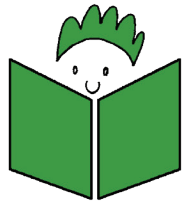
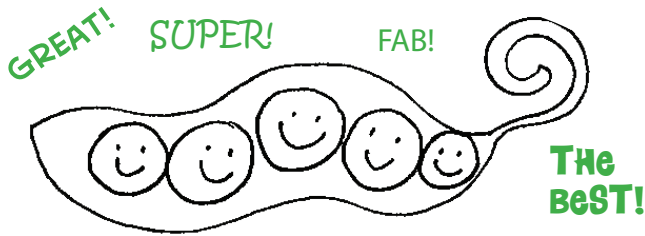


# 5 peas in a pod

## STORY CORNER



“Whatever will be, will be”.



Five peas in a pod were thinking about their future. They were competing to see whose life would be the best, the greatest. All except one. “Whatever will be, will be.” said the fifth pea.

A boy came by. “This peapod is huge!” He said. He didn’t think twice, picked it and opened the pod. “And these peas are just what I need...”

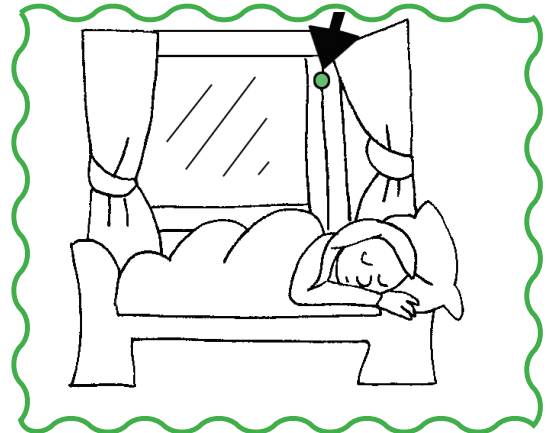


The boy had a pea-shooter. It looked like a hollow flute and in those days it was something most boys played with. He blew the peas through his shooter. The first pea flashed out and soared across the sky. “I’m the greatest, I’ll be the most successful!” it cried. “I’ll get farther than you,” shouted the second pea.

“I’ll get higher!” cried the third. “You are all wrong.” Cried the fourth. “Wait and see, I will beat you all.”



“Whatever will be, will be.” said the fifth pea, quietly. The boy put that pea in his peashooter, too, and off it went! But, oh my, it didn’t go far at all. It got stuck right in between a window crack over the bed of a very ill child. And there it sat.



Many days later the girl’s mother saw something green hanging over her daughter’s bed. It was a little pea plant! The girl sat up at once to look at the wonder. From that day on she watched the tiny plant grow, get bigger and more beautiful, while she became prettier and healthier thanks to the sunshine and fresh air.



*The destiny of the humble little pea was amazing. It had been ready to accept whatever the future would have brought, and didn’t expect anything special for itself. Yet it became a magnificent plant, a healing agent for the child, and a sign of God’s grace for her mother. This story, by Hans Christian Andersen, shows us that two things in life are necessary: self confidence and trust in a higher power that knows what is best for us. But what about the other four peas? Can anyone guess?*