The Dancing Goat
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One day, a goat went out in the bush, and wandered around happily. But then she got lost!
Suddenly, she met a wolf! The wolf came up to her, and he looked very hungry.
The goat said: Mr. Wolf, I know you want to eat me. But I would like to die happy!
The wolf asked the goat: What do you mean? Die happy? How?
The goat answered: If I have to die, I would like to die dancing!
Then the wolf took his guitar. He sat down and started playing it.
And the goat started dancing, though she was still a little bit worried.
Near that place, there were dogs. They came to see what was happening.
Now that wolf was afraid of dogs. So he turned and ran away!
And the goat kept on dancing, because now she was free from the wolf!
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