

King Midas

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Once upon a time there was a king
who wanted everything to be made of gold.
Every morning, when he woke up,
that was the only thing he thought about.

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So he decided to ask for a bit of magic,
and a great wizard granted him a spell:
“Everything you touch
will turn into gold.”

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The king began touching things everywhere:
windows, roofs, walls, vases, tables, chairs, even buttons.
He was delighted to see everything change into gold...
until he accidentally turned his ice cream into gold as well.

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Later, he wanted to eat a salad,
a small risotto and an omelette,
but everything he touched became shiny golden food
that he could no longer eat.
He wanted to drink something too.
He tried until the morning came.
Juice, water, milk, wine...
even the very last drop turned into gold.

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Afraid he might starve, he stopped the spell
and, for three whole days,
he ate everything he could find.

Now he eats slowly
and never leaves anything on his plate.
Vegetables, fruit, rice or even a sausage—

he enjoys the flavour of every food.
Pasta, roast chicken, polenta or salted codfish...
the real treasure is eating everything,
in the right amount.

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And now that we've listened to the story,
let's go and eat—our food has gotten cold.
Let's blow on it a little more and enjoy our meal.
Let's eat everything up
and leave our plate nice and clean.

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