

An enormous fire raged through the forest. The animals fled to the forest edge to watch except for a tiny hummingbird. It flew to the nearest stream, collected a bead of water in its beak and released it over the flames. It did this again, again and again. The other animals, large and more powerful, laughed at the diminutive bird. "What do you think you are doing?", they jeered. "Do you think you are going to do any good at all?"

Rather than being discouraged by their inaction or words the bird replied, "Well, I'm doing the best I can!"