

Here's a partial bibliography of the sources for the stories on *The Stars in the Sky*:

"The King's Wise Advisor" -- a folktale from India

I've heard many oral versions of this tale. I first worked in this story to tell at my parents' 50th wedding anniversary party because it embodies the way they've always lived their lives. You can find a written version *A Thorn in the King's Foot*.

"A Full Measure of Wisdom" -- a folktale from Yugoslavia

I love this story because I need all the wisdom I can get! Written versions can be found in *Yugoslav Folk-Tales* retold by Nada Curcija-Prodanovic and in *Noodlehead Stories* by Jagendorf.

"Lady Ragnall" -- a tale from Old England I've heard dozens of versions of this old story. It dates back to Chaucer and before. Written versions can be found in *The Maid of the North* by Ethel Johnston Phelps and *Best Stories from the Texas Storytelling Festival* by Finley Stewart.

"The Stonecutter" -- a tale from Japan I originally found this tale in *The Crimson Fairy Book*, edited by Andrew Lang, and have since heard many other versions. Although I've often asked Japanese students if they've heard it, none ever have.

"The King and His Falcon" -- a tale from Asia & Europe I believe that the lesson of this story is of the utmost importance in today's world. Written versions of this story can be found in *Doorways to the Soul* by Elisa Pearmain and *The Book of Virtues* by William Bennett.

"The Stars in the Sky" -- an English folktale This is one of my very favorite stories, and it's dedicated to my dear friend Wanda, who loves it even more than I do. Written versions can be found in *The Maid of the North* by Ethel Johnston Phelps and *English Fairy Tales* by Joseph Jacobs.

"The Hedley Kow" -- an English folktale I always introduce this story by saying that it is about the kind of woman I want to become. Written versions can be found in *Tatterhood and Other Tales* by Ethel Johnston Phelps and *English Fairy Tales* by Joseph Jacobs.

"Gather Together" -- song Words and Music by Debra Olson-Tolar; Guitar by Neil Shah I'd wanted to write a song about storytelling for several years. Here it is!