

- READER 2:** To the people of Kennerly, King Landor seemed to have everything he could ever want. And for many years it was true.
- READER 5:** He had a robust family of three sons and three daughters, and he loved his wife, Queen Lucinda.
- READER 4:** The king was a kind ruler who often strolled through town talking to the tradesmen and workers. It was nothing to see a family enjoying a picnic supper on one of the many green lawns surrounding the palace.
- READER 1:** So it came as a great surprise to all when the news went out that something was very wrong in the royal household.
- READER 5:** The problem was Prince William, the king's youngest son.
- READER 2:** William had always been hale and hearty. He had practically grown up on horseback and was an excellent athlete.
- READER 1:** He had lots of friends and often threw parties where everyone danced and acted the fool. Most of the girls in the kingdom had a crush on William.
- READER 4:** All this changed the summer William turned seventeen. Suddenly, without explanation, he became listless.

READER 2: He no longer galloped through the woods with the wind blowing through his hair. Instead, he stayed in his room and stared out the window.

READER 5: King Landor and Queen Lucinda were alarmed. They tried everything they could think of to make William the happy, young prince he had been before.

READER 1: They held a costume ball, but William would not dress up. They brought in dancing bears and trained seals, but William was not amused.

READER 5: All of Kennerly worried about the prince. Scores of citizens travelled to the palace, knocked on the great door, and offered to try to cheer up William.

READER 1: Storytellers came with clever tales and funny jokes. William did not smile.

READER 2: Cooks prepared his favorite foods. He said he wasn't hungry.

READER 4: Artists painted beautiful pictures. He preferred to look out the window.

READER 5: Musicians played sweet music. He claimed it hurt his ears.

READER 2: All efforts were to no avail. Prince William remained in his room, and summer marched into fall.