

# *The Nightingale and the Rose* compared to traditional folk tales

Traditional folk tales  
(Volksmärchen<sup>1</sup>)

*The Nighthingale and the Rose*  
(Kunstmärchen<sup>2</sup>)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | A narrative in prose   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Stereotypical beginning and ending<br>("Once upon a time ..."<br>"... and they lived happily ever after.") | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No specific time given   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No relation to historical places   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No relation to historical people   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Royalty and a castle ( <i>Cinderella</i> )   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Good and bad characters ( <i>Sleeping Beauty</i> )<br>(‘flat’ characters that never develop, types)        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Relates the fortune or misfortunes of a hero or heroine  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Supernatural characters (giants, unicorn, fairies, ogres)  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Animals can speak ( <i>Red Riding Hood</i> )   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Physical transformation<br>(a beast turns into a handsome prince; <i>Frog King</i> )                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Magic, charms, disguise and spells (witches)   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Things often happen in “threes” or “sevens”; repetitions   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Problem / Solution   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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<sup>1</sup> (folk tale) A tale which belongs to the oral tradition, and thus differs from the *Kunstmärchen* which is written down.

<sup>2</sup> A German term for a ‘literary’ folk tale, and thus one which is written down; as opposed to one which belongs to the oral tradition.