**How Frog Went to Heaven**

NARRATOR 1:  There was once a young man named Kimana. He wanted to marry the Sky Maiden. He wrote a letter to her father, the Sun Chief.

KIMANA:  *(reads letter as he writes)* “I, Kimana, a man of earth, wish to marry the Sky Maiden, your daughter.”

NARRATOR 4:  Kimana went to Rabbit.

KIMANA:  *(holds out letter)* Will you take this letter?

NARRATOR 4:  Rabbit said,

RABBIT:  I cannot go to Heaven. *(hops away)*

NARRATOR 2:  Kimana went to Antelope.

KIMANA:  *(holds out letter)* Will you take this letter?

NARRATOR 2:  Antelope said,

ANTELOPE:  I cannot go to Heaven. *(leaps away)*

NARRATOR 5:  Kimana went to Hawk.

KIMANA:  *(holds out letter)* Will you take this letter?

NARRATOR 5:  Hawk said,

HAWK:  I can go halfway. But I cannot go to Heaven. *(flies away)*

NARRATOR 3:  Then Frog came to Kimana.

FROG:  *(hops in)* Why do you not take the letter yourself?

NARRATOR 3:  Kimana said,

KIMANA:  This I cannot do.

FROG:  Then I will take it for you.

NARRATOR 3:  Kimana laughed.

KIMANA:  *(laughs)* Can a frog take a letter to Heaven?

FROG:  Whatever it is, I can do it. But only if I try. *(takes letter in mouth, hops away)*

NARRATOR 1:  Now, Frog lived by a well. Every day, the girls who served the Sun Chief came to this well. They climbed down from Heaven on a web made by Spider. Then they filled their water jugs and went home.

NARRATOR 4:  Frog put the letter in his mouth and hid in the well. The girls from Heaven came for water, singing their song.

GIRLS:  *(come singing)*

Good day to you, my sister.
Good day to you.

NARRATOR 2:  They lowered their jugs into the well, and Frog jumped into one. The girls did not see.

NARRATOR 5:  Then the girls climbed back up the web of Spider. They went into the house of the Sun Chief and left the jugs in a room.

NARRATOR 3:  Frog was alone. He jumped out of the jug and spit the letter out on a bench.

FROG:  *(spits out letter)*

NARRATOR 3:  Then he hid in a corner.

NARRATOR 1:  The Sun Chief came for a drink of water. He saw the letter and opened it. He read,

SUN CHIEF:  “I, Kimana, a man of earth, wish to marry the Sky Maiden, your daughter.”

NARRATOR 1:  The Sun Chief said,

SUN CHIEF:  How can this be?

NARRATOR 4:  He went to the girls who fetched water.

SUN CHIEF:  *(holds out letter)* Did you bring this letter?

NARRATOR 4:  The girls said,

GIRLS:  *(stop working)* We did not. *(start working again)*

NARRATOR 2:  He went to his wife, the Moon Lady, and read it to her.

SUN CHIEF:  What should we do?

NARRATOR 2:  The Moon Lady said,

MOON LADY:  Don’t ask me! Ask your daughter!

NARRATOR 5:  He went to his daughter. The Sky Maiden said,

SKY MAIDEN:  Let us see if he can bring a wedding gift.

NARRATOR 3:  So the Sun Chief wrote a letter and set it on the bench. Then he went away.

NARRATOR 1:  Frog came out and put the letter in his mouth. Then he climbed into an empty jug.

NARRATOR 4:  The next day, the girls took the jugs and climbed down to earth, singing their song.

GIRLS:  *(come singing)*

Good day to you, my sister.
Good day to you.

NARRATOR 2:  They lowered their jugs into the well, and Frog jumped out.

NARRATOR 5:  Then the girls went back to Heaven.

NARRATOR 3:  Frog took the letter to Kimana, and Kimana read it.

KIMANA:  “You may marry my daughter if you bring a purse of money.”

NARRATOR 3:  Kimana said,

KIMANA:  This I cannot do.

FROG:  Then I will bring it for you.

NARRATOR 3:  Kimana laughed.

KIMANA:  *(laughs)* You took a letter to Heaven. But can you bring a purse of money?

FROG:  Whatever it is, I can do it. But only if I try.

NARRATOR 1:  Kimana gave Frog a purse of money. Frog took hold of it with his mouth and carried it to the well. He climbed in and waited.

NARRATOR 4:  The girls from Heaven came to the well.

GIRLS:  *(come singing)*

Good day to you, my sister.
Good day to you.

NARRATOR 2:  Frog got into one of the jugs.

NARRATOR 5:  The girls returned to Heaven and left him in the room.

NARRATOR 3:  Frog set the money on the bench. Then he hid.

NARRATOR 1:  The Sun Chief came and found the purse.

SUN CHIEF:  How can this be?

NARRATOR 4:  He went to the girls.

SUN CHIEF:  *(holds out purse)* Did you bring this money?

GIRLS:  *(stop working)* We did not. *(start working again)*

NARRATOR 2:  He went to his wife. The Moon Lady said,

MOON LADY:  Don’t ask me! Ask your daughter!

NARRATOR 5:  He went to his daughter. The Sky Maiden said,

SKY MAIDEN:  Let us see if he can come fetch me.

NARRATOR 3:  So the Sun Chief wrote a letter and left it on the bench.

NARRATOR 1:  Frog put the letter in his mouth.

NARRATOR 4:  He climbed into an empty jug.

NARRATOR 2:  The next day, the girls carried him to earth.

GIRLS:  *(come singing)*

Good day to you, my sister.
Good day to you.

NARRATOR 5:  He jumped back into the well, and the girls went back to Heaven.

NARRATOR 3:  Frog brought the letter to Kimana, and Kimana read it.

KIMANA:  *(reading)* “You may marry my daughter if you come and fetch her.”

NARRATOR 3:  Kimana said,

KIMANA:  This I cannot do.

FROG:  Then I will fetch her for you.

NARRATOR 3:  Kimana laughed.

KIMANA:  *(laughs)* You took a letter to Heaven. You brought a purse of money. But can you fetch a bride?

FROG:  Whatever it is, I can do it. But only if I try.

NARRATOR 1:  Frog climbed back into the well.

NARRATOR 4:  The girls came with their jugs.

GIRLS:  *(come singing)*

Good day to you, my sister.
Good day to you.

NARRATOR 2:  They carried him to Heaven.

NARRATOR 5:  Frog jumped out. He spit in all the jugs of water.

FROG:  *(spits in jars) Ptui. Ptui. Ptui.*

NARRATOR 3:  Then he hid in an empty jug.

NARRATOR 1:  The people of the house came and drank the water.

NARRATOR 4:  They all got sick.

SUN CHIEF, MOON LADY, SKY MAIDEN, GIRLS, OTHER SKY PEOPLE:  *(come and dip cup in water, drink, get sick)*

NARRATOR 2:  The Sun Chief called for the spirit doctor. The doctor told him,

DOCTOR:  You promised your daughter to a man of earth, but she has not gone. He has sent an evil spirit with a sickness. The evil spirit is in the shape of . . . a frog!

NARRATOR 5:  The Sun Chief went to his wife. The Moon Lady said,

MOON LADY:  Don’t ask me! Ask your daughter!

NARRATOR 3:  He went to his daughter. The Sky Maiden said,

SKY MAIDEN:  I will go.

NARRATOR 1:  The next day, the Sky Maiden went with the girls down to the well.

GIRLS:  *(come singing)*

Good day to you, my sister.
Good day to you.

NARRATOR 4:  The girls filled their jugs, and Frog jumped out. Then the girls left the Sky Maiden and went home.

NARRATOR 2:  Frog jumped out of the well.

FROG:  I will lead you to your husband.

NARRATOR 2:  The Sky Maiden laughed.

SKY MAIDEN:  *(laughs)* Can a frog lead a woman?

FROG:  I took a letter to Heaven. I brought a purse of money. I fetched a bride. Whatever it was, I could do it. But only since I tried.

SKY MAIDEN:  Then it is you I will marry!

NARRATOR 5:  She took Frog back to Heaven and married him.

NARRATOR 3:  They lived on and on.

NARRATOR 1:  And Kimana is still waiting for his bride.