Barnaby Frog

The song of the Moon

Level 1  Book 7

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The Moon was shining through the mist over the Paddock End ponds.

All was very quiet and the water in the ponds was very still.
Barnaby frog hopped onto a log that was laying in the water at the side of the pond.

He saw the moon and knew it was a very special night.
Barnaby began to sing “The Song of the Moon” that his mother had taught him.

"Rivit rivit... Rivit rivit... Rivit rivit rivit."
Suddenly a large Grandpa frog leapt out of the pond and sat on the log beside Barnaby.

"I see the Moon." said Grandpa frog.
They both started to sing to the Moon. Grandpa frog sang in a deep voice. "Croak croak.. Croak."

Barnaby sang in a higher tone. "Rivot rivit... Rivit rivit.

The two sang a duet to the Moon. Croak rivit rivit... Croak rivit rivit...
As Barnaby and Grandpa were singing Teio, one of Barnaby's brothers hopped onto the log.

"Can I join in?" asked Teio. With Teio there would be three, so they could now sing as a "trio".
Teio could not form his "R's" properly so went "Wivit" instead of rivit.

But they all sang happily to the moon, which is what mattered.

Croak rivit wivit… Croak rivit wivit… Croak croak, rivit rivit, wivit wivit…..
Grandpa, Barnaby and Teio stopped singing. Something was not sounding right some of the notes were "missing".

Now it was very odd that they should say that! As soon as they said

"Something is missing" ..........
With a splash and a whoosh little Miss Sing landed on the end of the log.

Miss Sing could sing all the very high notes that could reach the Moon.
The four frogs, now a quartet, began to sing "The Song of the Moon".

Croak rivit wivit Ceee....
Croak rivit wivit Ceee....
Croak rivit wivit Ceee....

It sounded wonderful.
Barnaby wanted to know how many frogs it took to make such a wonderful sound.

So he started counting. Grandpa one, Teio two, Miss Sing three.

"That is odd." said Barnaby. "Last time there was three it sounded dreadful."
You forgot to count somebody." said Miss Sing. "You forgot Barnaby, you forgot to count yourself."

"Oh dear." said Barnaby. "So I did! There are really four of us, we are a quartet."

Everybody laughed at Barnaby's mistake.

Then suddenly ..........
There landed on the log, in the middle of the group:

That great enemy of all frogs, the Great White Ork.

All the frogs were terrified.
With a sudden splish, splash, and a splosh, all the frogs jumped off the log and disappeared beneath the water of the pond.

"Oh that's a shame." said the Ork. "I only wanted to join in with the singing. It sounded so nice."
About these books
This series of books was designed with two functions in mind :-

**Firstly** as a reading resource for primary education at schools and for private tuition. They are graded from simple picture books to full text short stories. The layout is simple and designed to be fun and downloaded so they may be used without being connected to the internet.

**Secondly** or possibly primarily, somewhere for my little cartoon characters to live. I have been a draftsman for many years and during idle moments and in meetings, especially in meetings, little characters get doodled. These characters seem to take on a little life of their own and hang around in the mind until they eventually find a home in a story. They then seem to go away until the next one comes along. These books and the original web site is somewhere to share these little cartoon characters with. If they give anybody a little enjoyment then I am well pleased.

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