

## HANDOUT 5.1C The Ants and the Grasshopper (From the Grasshopper's Perspective)

One bright day in late autumn a family of Ants were bustling about in the warm sunshine, drying grain they had gathered during the summer. Upon seeing them, a starving Grasshopper, his fiddle under his arm, came up and humbly begged for a bite to eat. [Insert a sentence or two here about what the Grasshopper is thinking that would make the Grasshopper more sympathetic.]

“What!” cried the Ants in surprise. “haven’t you stored anything away for the winter? What in the world were you doing all last summer?”

“I didn’t have time to store up any food,” whined [change this verb to make the Grasshopper more sympathetic] the Grasshopper. “I was so busy making music that before I knew it the summer was gone.” [Insert a sentence or two here about what the Grasshopper is thinking that would make the Grasshopper more sympathetic.]

The Ants shrugged their shoulders in disgust.

“Making music, were you?” they cried. “Very well; now dance!” And they turned their backs on the Grasshopper and went on with their work. [Insert a sentence or two here about what the Grasshopper is thinking that would make the Grasshopper more sympathetic.]

Write a new moral based on your revised story.