

The Story of Narcissus

Once upon a time, there was a boy called Narcissus. He was the son of a god and he was very, very handsome. Many women fell in love with him, but he turned them away.

One of the women who loved Narcissus was a nymph called Echo. Echo could not speak properly - she could only repeat what was said to her, so she couldn't tell Narcissus that she loved him.

One day, when Narcissus was walking in the woods with some friends, he became separated from them. He called out "Is anyone here?"

Echo replied "Here, Here".

Echo stepped forward with open arms, wanting to embrace him.

But Narcissus refused to accept Echo's love. Echo was so upset that she left and hid in a cave, until nothing was left of her, except her voice.

Nemesis, a goddess, found out about this, and she was very angry. She made Narcissus fall in love with himself.

When Narcissus looked at his reflection in a pond one day, he fell in love. He stayed on that spot forever, until he died one day. Where he died a flower grew, and that flower is called a Narcissus.



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Common Daffodil or *Narcissus*