

Legend of the Princess and the Shepherd in the kingdom of the Seven Cities (Portugal)



The kings of this enchanted land had a beautiful daughter who did not like to feel trapped within the castle walls and went out into the fields every day. She loved the green and the flowers, the birdsong, the sea on the horizon. She walked through the villages, the hills and the valleys.

During one of her walks in the fields, he met a shepherd, the son of simple people from the countryside, who came from work with his flocks. They talked almost every afternoon about the things in life and saw that they liked the same things. From this deep and endless conversation, love was born and they began to meet each day, swearing love.

However, the princess, already with the fate set by her parents, had her wedding scheduled with a prince from a neighboring kingdom. And when his father heard about these meetings with the shepherd, he tried to ban them. However, he granted them a final meeting for the farewell.

When the two lovers met for the last time, they cried so much that two ponds grew by their feet. One of the lagoons, with blue waters, was born from the tears shed by the princess' blue eyes. The others, green in color, were born from the tears shed from the shepherd's green eyes.

For the future, legend has it, that if the two lovers could not live together forever, at least the ponds born of their tears were together forever, they would never be separated again.

(written by the students)