Have you ever watched a soap bubble drifting up on the air, sparkling and lovely? These lovely stories for children are of many lengths and varied styles but all beautifully crafted, just like the soap bubbles we blow and enjoy watching our children blow. Unlike soap bubbles however, these stories can be enjoyed over and over again by children of all ages. The style is indeed a bit old, but fairy tales should be kind of timeless, shouldn't they? "All the afternoon the children, pipe in hand, with soap suds before them, had been blowing airy bubbles that caught the gleams of a hundred flying rainbows—but now in the fading daylight, the pipes were put aside, and they threw themselves down on the fur rug, and looked with thoughtful eyes into the caverns of the fire. "What can we do now?" they cried, "Won't you make us some bubbles?" And someone sitting in the shadow, who had watched and admired their handiwork, whipped up some white froth in a fairy basin, and taking a pipe, she blew them some bubbles. Not so beautiful as the children's own, with their pure reflections of the light and sunshine—but the best she could fashion with the materials she had at hand; for the only soap she could find was Imagination, and her pipe was a humble black pen."

Total running time 05:04:10

This LibriVox recording is in the public domain and may be reproduced, distributed or modified without permission. The LibriVox objective is to make all books in the public domain available, for free, in audioformat on the Internet. For more information or to volunteer, please visit librivox.org.