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Washerwomen**

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Once upon a time there were seven washerwomen.



Every day they went down to the river with their baskets of washing on their heads.

Their names were Dottie, Lottie, Molly, Dolly, Winnie, Minnie and Ernestine, and they were all good friends.

When they got to the river they sorted out the clothes and plunged them in. They soaked them. They soaped them. They pounded them on the stones.

They rinsed them. They wrung them. And they spread them over bushes and rocks to dry.

