

**THE CALL  
OF  
THE SOUTH**

**by**

**Kenneth Graham**

**(1859–1932)**

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**The Wind in The Willows**

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The Sea-rat said: 'And you, you will come too, young brother; for the days pass, and never return, and the South still waits for you.

'Take the Adventure, heed the call, now ere the irrevocable moment passes!

'Tis but a banging of the door behind you, a blithesome step forward, and you are out of the old life and into the new!

'Then some day, some day long hence, jog home here if you will, when the cup has been drained and the play has been played, and sit down by your quiet river with a store of goodly memories for company.

'You can easily overtake me on the road, for you are young, and I am aging and go softly.

'I will linger, and look back; and at last I will surely see you coming, eager and lighthearted, with all the South in your face!'

(The Wind In The Willows - Kenneth Graham (1859–1932))

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