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| **The Fisher Woman**  **Years ago, in a sea-side village lived an old woman. She was blind in one eye**  **and had one bad leg. Because of this, she had to use a crutch when she walked,**  **and often had to stop and rest. Early each morning she would leave the village**  **and make her way down to the shore, load her boat with supplies and row out**  **to sea. Often I would accompany her to the shore and see her off.**  **Sometimes, I would ask if I could go with her. Because I was young, only eight,**  **she would always reply, "You can, once you've grown to the height of my shoulder."**  **Each evening she would return and share the fish she caught that day with those in**  **need. When she was in need of money she would sell her catch.**  **On star-lite nights the fisher woman would build a big fire on the beach. There we**  **would all gather, the young and the not so young. She would tell great stories of**  **adventure and intrigue.**  **Often late into the night after everyone had gone to bed just the two of us would**  **talk. And she'd often say to me, "Love, all else is but preparation!"**  **One day she went out to fish - never to return. A bad storm had blown in, the worst**  **in my eight years that I'd ever seen. The villagers had searched and searched, but the**  **fisher woman was never to be found.**  **At her memorial, I heard my father say to my mom, "If anyone exemplified living**  **a life with purpose and dignity - it was her."**  **The village mourned her loss, but none as much as me.**  **Timothy E. Stevenson April 8, 2001 worldwide ©**  **Upoet.com**    **\*Free calendar print-outs! Book sales! \*circle important dates!** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **January 2016** | | | | | | |  | **February 2016** | | | | | | | | **Su** | **Mo** | **Tu** | **We** | **Th** | **Fr** | **Sa** |  | **Su** | **Mo** | **Tu** | **We** | **Th** | **Fr** | **Sa** | |  |  |  |  |  | **1** | **2** |  |  | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** |  | **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** | **11** | **12** | **13** | | **10**  **17** | **11** | **12** | **13** | **14** | **15** | **16** |  | **14** | **15** | **16** | **17** | **18** | **19** | **20** | | **18** | **19** | **20** | **21** | **22** | **23** |  | **21** | **22** | **23** | **24** | **25** | **26** | **27** | | **24** | **25** | **26** | **27** | **28** | **29** | **30** |  | **28** | **29** |  |  |  |  |  | | **31** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  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