



In the beginning, there was nothing. Three grew, Baby Sender, Daylight, and Thunder.

TOLOWA CREATION STORY

Daylight opened the Sweat House door and daylight became. Baby sender said, "Let's make the ocean first," then he spat down. Then he asked Daylight, "Isn't there a world to come?" Daylight answered, "Yes." **The Earth came sliding from the South upon the watery deep.** Baby Sender saw footprints in the new Earth. This would be the cause of trouble in the world. The Earth was going to be piled up in one place. **Everything coming will grow there.** A White Redwood tree stood there as the Earth slid forth. The first wave came and turned over upon the shore. **The Fish swarmed to the surface of the water and departed into all forks of every river.** The Birds came up together, the sound of the Geese echoed through the sky. Everything ran forth upon the Earth, Bobcat turned over first. **Finally they succeeded in making a person.** She was a beautiful Woman who became the Wife of Daylight. They and their sixteen children would become our ancestors. They would come to speak different languages. **With the Waters and Earth placed, all things created, and his law set down, Baby Sender said, "Fair well," and descended.**



There was a time when the people did not obey the laws of God. The world was flooded with a great tidal wave, then torrential rains. Only a young man and a woman made it by orders of their adopted grandmother, to the top of EN-MI. The mountain top floated upon the waters. It came to rest in Elk Valley. The animals ran away and the couple returned to C"IT. There they found nothing of their prior life. Many lay dead upon the earth. They built a simple hut to live in. One day while fishing, a woman came paddling from the South. With these three people the new generations began.

One time people came down from the North in great canoes. They subdued the warriors and made slaves of the people. The invaders became fat and lazy because they did not work. The conquered people became weary of their treatment. One evening during a large celebration, they packed and moved into the eastward mountains to learn a new life.



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