

Ella Enchanted

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That fool of a _____ Adjective Lucinda did not _____ Verb to lay a _____ Noun on me. She meant to bestow a _____ Noun. When I cried _____ Adverb through my first hour of life, my _____ Noun - Plural were her inspiration. Shaking her _____ Noun sympathetically at Mother, the fairy touched my nose. "My _____ Noun is _____ Noun. Ella will always be _____ Adjective. Now stop crying, child."

I stopped.

Father was away on a trading _____ Adjective as usual, but our _____ Proper Noun, Mandy, was there. She and Mother were horrified, but no matter how they explained it to Lucinda, they couldn't make her understand the terrible thing she'd done to me. I could picture the argument: Mandy's _____ Verb - 3rd Person Singular Present standing out sharper than usual, her _____ Adjective gray hair in disarray, and her double chin shaking with anger; Mother still and intense, her brown curls damp from labor, the _____ Noun gone from her eyes.

I couldn't imagine Lucinda. I didn't know what she looked like.

_____ Verb wouldn't undo the curse.

My first awareness of it came on my fifth birthday. I seem to remember that day perfectly, perhaps because

Mandy

told the tale so often.