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a tall tale of a small frog

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Joseph, aka 'Froggers'
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Once upon a time, in a deep dark bog,
Lived a teeny-tiny speckled frog.
His brothers called him Little Tad
But he preferred –

Sir Lilypad!

Sir Lilypad the proud and free!
A knight in slimy armour he!
Sir Lilypad the brave and wise!
Slayer of the dragonflies.

But no one takes you seriously,
When you're not much bigger than a pea.

And so Sir Lily wished and longed
To grow up big and tall and strong.

Then, one night, tucked in his nook
He read the most terrific book!
Frog to prince with one small kiss
From a grateful royal miss.

Sir Lily scratched his speckled head.
"I'd never thought of that," he said.
"If I could save a princess true,
I'd surely grow a foot or two!"