

The legend of the edelweiss

Once upon a time there was a mountain in Aosta Valley that liked to chat all day with the animals hidden in its rocks.

But at night it felt very lonely and sick of melancholy, so it cried endlessly.

Up in the sky, the moon and the stars looked down at the mountain, powerless.

One night, a tiny little star broke away from the sky.

The star quickly crossed the sky and went down to the mountain to keep it company.

The star slid on the rocks and fell down on the ground among the enormous clefts.

The mountain asked the star:

- Why did you fall here?
- I heard you crying, and I decided to keep you company, answered the star.

The mountain, wiping its tears, smiled but the little star was so cold that it shook like a leaf.

So the mountain covered it softly with a light blanket.

Tenderly the little star crouched in the strong roots of the pine trees and fell asleep.

The following day, the sun rose as usual and what surprise it had when it looked down at the mountain!

The sun saw a beautiful velvet flower, with silver petals.
The edelweiss was born during the night.