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PETER MALONE has illustrated special gift editions of Peter and the Wolf and The Nutcracker as well as many books for children. In addition, his work has appeared in The New Yorker and even as British Royal Mail stamps. His fine art prints are collected worldwide. He lives in England.

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