

## LESSON LXX.

## ECHO.

ech-o	boo-ty	phan-tom
elf	high-ness	ti-mor-ous
growl-ed	pre-ten-der	ad-dres-sed
re-pe-ti-tion	jea-lous	i-ma-gi-na-ry

Who has not sometimes heard his voice repeated, when, nevertheless, he is certain that no one is within hearing? When calling aloud "come here," a voice repeats, "come here," or "here." This repetition is heard when the sound happens to strike against some hard substance of sufficient size—a wall, or wood, or mountain, will give back the sound of your voice, and seem to mock you with your own words. This sound is called an echo. The lion in the following fable is supposed to hear this voice, and mistake it for some other creature's.

## THE LION AND THE ECHO.

A lion, bravest of the wood,  
 Whose title undisputed stood,  
 As o'er the wide domains he prowled,  
 And in pursuit of booty growled,  
 An echo from a distant cave  
 Growl'd back in tones as loud and grave.  
 His majesty, surprised, began  
 To think at first it was a man;  
 But, on reflection sage, he found  
 It was too like a lion's sound.